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Iran and Iraq battle for control of vital oil waterway

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Naval base near Abadan shelled

r Tewfik Mishlawi
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aq and Iran raced today etain control of the strate Shatt al Arab waterway, h is vital to the flow of oil to the industrialized d. Fierce sea battles were ht all day to show foreign s which country's rules they ld obey.

British cargo ship the m Star, was caught in the fire as it was sailing up disputed estuary to the i port of Basra. An artil- shell rocked the vessel's ge, but it continued its ney, an Iraqi military esman said. He blamed Iranians for the incident. oyd's of London, the ship- organization, said how- they had no knowledge ship registered under that e.

e Iraqi spokesman also said Iranian gunboats tried to cept a Kuwaiti vessel sail- down the river from the of Basra in southern Iraq. e ensuing naval battle, the s destroyed five Iranian oats, he said. The spoke- claimed thta another three oats were later destroyed tillery fire.

hran radio, on the other broadcast a military com- que which said that Iraqi s shelled the Iranian naval of Khosrowabad, 20 miles of Abadan, site of the r's largest oil refinery. It the fighting also affected oil terminal at Khoram- and the nearby Abadan r. It did not say how damage was caused. is appeared to be a re- l for an earlier attack by Iranian Air Force on an ilia last Friday. official announcement in dad said today that Mr Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, left on an unscheduled visit to Moscow for consultations with Soviet leaders. The two countries have a 15-year treaty of friendship and cooperation which requires their governments to consult in the event of war with a third power.

The Iraqi move is significant in view of the strained relations between Baghdad and Moscow as a result of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the Iraqi ruthless repression of pro-Soviet communists. Iraqi leaders apparently want to insure on the Russians that despite differences on certain questions, Iraq still honours its international treaties.

The Iraq Defence Ministry gave a warning that its forces would strike at Iranian economic establishments "wherever they may be", if Iran resumed its attacks on Iraqi economic installations.

The warning coincided with an announcement in Tehran today that President Bani-Sadr was personally taking charge of military operations on the border with Iraq and, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the armed forces, had called up several thousand reservists for active duty "to defend the integrity of the country".

The Iraqi ministry spokesman said Iranian guns shelled Iraqi economic installations in the Shatt al Arab waterway yesterday but gave no details. Unofficial reports reaching Beirut said that Iranian artillery shells were fired at an Iraqi oil reservoir in the Basra area in southern Iraq. The reservoir was set on fire, the reports said.

"If this shelling is repeated, Iraq will forcibly strike at economic establishments of the racist Persian regime wherever they may be in Iranian territory", the spokesman said. He added that Iranian forces also "intercepted Iraqi patrol boats in Shatt al Arab, and the boats returned the fire". Eight Iranian gunboats were destroyed while one Iraqi patrol boat caught fire and one of its crew was wounded, he said.

President Bani-Sadr was reported to have spent the weekend in the operations room of the armed forces headquarters in Tehran, directing the fighting. In his order to reservists, the President said all those who had completed their military service since 1977 must report to active duty by October 2 or else they would be prosecuted.

No threat to oil: Oil industry executives said in London that the fighting posed no immediate threat to world oil supplies even if the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) nations persisted in making 10 per cent production cuts agreed at their meeting in Vienna last week.

The industry sources said non-communist world stocks were glutted with sufficient to meet 100 days normal demand.

First hint of tax rise next year by Mr Nott

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The first public confirmation that the Government accepts it may have to raise taxes next year to hold down government borrowing came yesterday from Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade, and one of the Cabinet's inner group of economic policy makers.

Mr Nott made clear to Conservative supporters and critics alike that there was "nowhere else to look" but the Government's published medium-term plan for progressive reductions in its spending and borrowing. The Government was determined not to be pushed off course; if it could not get public spending as low as it wished, there would be no option but to raise taxes, he said.

"If it appears essential to raise taxes in next year's Budget", Mr Nott further stated in an interview on London Weekend Television's *Weekend World*, "I am sure the Chancellor will do so".

From Mr Nott's explanation of the Cabinet's determination to secure "single figure" pay settlements for the government employees in the coming year, it is clear that ministers regard raising taxes again as a last resort, and not as a policy U-turn to be dreaded.

Mr Nott's preference, he said, was for taxes on spending before taxes on earnings. He claimed that taxes on spending did "not necessarily knock incentive", a quality Mrs Thatcher promised to restore in the party's manifesto, and which was the declared reason for the income tax cuts in her first Budget.

Mr Nott even claimed that raising indirect taxes did not increase the rate of inflation, a remarkable reflection given the havoc made of the retail price index by the 1979 increase in Value Added Tax.

This opening up of the "to tax or not to tax" debate among ministers (it was first publicly launched by Mr Enoch Powell) is bound to provoke sharp reaction among Conservatives, not to speak of derision from the Labour Opposition.

Several leading Conservatives are utterly opposed to increased taxation in any form, with the economy in its depressed state. They are certain to fight even harder for a tough public service pay policy. Other influential ministers argue that the Government will have to consider increasing personal taxation, such as the employee's contribution to national insurance. All seem to shy away from the greatest revenue generator, the standard rate of income tax.

The need either to increase tax revenue or to allow public borrowing to increase arises from the Government's inability to control spending as it planned. Partly because of the recession and increased social benefits the public sector borrowing requirement is running ahead of its £8,500m target, perhaps by as much as £1,500m.

The Government, as Mr Nott also confirmed yesterday, cannot make further spending cuts this year. So it is determined, in the first instance, to hold down public service pay. Even the demands for interest rate reductions were, Mr Nott said, "dwarfed by the importance of getting reasonable pay settlements".

He gave no figure; he rejected a straight pay freeze on the Civil Service as unfair.

A 1 per cent rise in wages was equivalent to a reduction of about 3 per cent in interest rates, he said, so interest rates should not be overestimated.

Asked by his interviewer, Mr Brian Walden, whether the miners would be treated in the same way as the public service, Mr Nott hastened to assert that the Government was not seeking to impose a "norm".

"That would be a mistake; different parts of the public sector will merit different awards, so it will vary from case to case". Some people were now settling below the going rate of inflation, and "we are looking for single figures" in the public services.

Firemen searching the wreckage of the bomber after the crash at Biggin Hill yesterday afternoon.

Photograph by Don Pride

Seven killed as bomber crashes at Biggin Hill

By Stewart Tendler

Seven people died yesterday when a Second World War bomber crashed and burst into flames during a demonstration flight at the Battle of Britain air show at Biggin Hill, Kent.

The deaths were the first fatalities involving a flying display at the air show, which ended yesterday after 32 years.

The aircraft, an American A26 medium bomber, took off shortly after 3 pm with a pilot and six passengers. Originally built for the United States Air Force, it was taking part in a programme which included other veterans of the last war and their supersonic successors.

Among the 30,000 people watching from the ground were a group of former RAF staff who served at the station during the Battle of Britain in 1940.

The bomber, owned by a west London company, was the nineteenth display on the four-hour programme of flights.

It took off without incident and began a series of manoeuvers over the field. Mr Colin Macer, chief photographer for the Press Association, said: "The aircraft made a loop at the southern end of the runway and disappeared from view into a valley.

"The manoeuvre had been used by other aircraft during the afternoon to thrill the crowds", he said. "The aircraft just disapeared into the valley in a traditional trick which has been used at Biggin Hill for years.

"It was obvious from the speed and angle of the descent that there was insufficient room for it to pull out of the loop."

Mr Roger Butler, watching the show from a field outside his home in Oakland Lane, Biggin Hill, said: "The pilot tried to turn the plane but it went nose down first into a bank.

As the aircraft descended through the valley below Salt Box Hill, south of the airfield, it just missed spectators picnicking in the sunshine, skimmed over parked cars and narrowly avoided a secondary school.

When rescuers arrived they found the fuselage reduced to a twisted skeleton and wreckage scattered across the field. It took the police, ambulancemen and doctors more than three hours to discover how many people were on board.

All were male but last night

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Poles allowed to hear broadcast of Mass

From Dessa Trevisan
Warsaw, Sept 21

For the first time in the post-war history of Poland, a church service was broadcast on state radio this morning and millions of Poles listened to Mass relayed from the Holy Cross, Warsaw. This marked an important concession won by the Roman Catholic Church in its protracted battle with the Communist authorities in this overwhelmingly Catholic country.

Full-length church services will henceforth be broadcast regularly each Sunday on state radio, thus restoring a tradition interrupted after the Communists took over 36 years ago.

This concession by the authorities—something they have been adamantly refusing for 20 years—made a tremendous psychological impact on the nation. All over Warsaw the broadcast echoed from homes, on to the streets.

The sermon by Bishop Jerzy Modzielewsky emphasized the importance of prayers for truth which made people free. The bishop called for radio and television to be used in accordance with Christian principles and for the moral renewal of mankind. Every Catholic society had the right to use the mass media, he declared.

Yesterday the Polish episcopate issued a statement criticizing the state-run radio and television for broadcasting scenes of immoral life and false values. It said these broadcasts were propagating false moral principles, especially harmful to minors who were exposed to such propaganda from early childhood and lacked the sound judgment necessary to resist it.

The statement was read in churches throughout Poland today but the broadcast service gave only a summary, so as to tone down the bluntness of the bishops' criticism on radio.

For more than 20 years the Church here has been pressing for access to the media. This demand was taken up by the strikers in Gdansk and elsewhere in their negotiations with the authorities.

The new independent trade union movement is strongly Catholic and Mr Lech Walesa, the Gdansk strike leader, has been in close touch with the Catholic hierarchy as well as the intelligentsia, many of whom are advising the new unions on how to organize.

Relations between the Church and the Communist authorities began to improve in the late 1950s but have made most headway since 1970, when many restrictions have been gradually relaxed. What was not granted until today, however, was the Church's demand for access to the media.

Compared with other Communist countries, the Church in Poland has enjoyed a privileged position. This was due not so much to Communist tolerance as to the fact that throughout Polish history the Church had played an important role in sustaining the nation and sharing its problems. Nowhere else in East Europe has the Church been so closely identified with a nation. It was Poland's bulwark against Protestant Germany and Orthodox Russia in the more distant past. And this record no regime could have ignored.

Especially since Pope John Paul was elected, the authorities have been making concessions. Permits for the building of new churches are now being freely granted. Last year in Warsaw alone permission was given for 14 new churches. This marks a sharp contrast with the period up to 1970 when no licences at all were issued.

The Church still has a number of grievances, complaining for instance of discrimination against practising Catholics in the allocation of jobs, and of the refusal by the authorities

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Dockers' leaders call off national strike

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Rank-and-file dockers' leaders yesterday called off a national ports strike, due to start at midnight, after receiving written guarantees about job security from their employers.

Negotiators of the Transport and General Workers' Union argued that the outcome of the first strike threat to the ports since 1972 was not a victory for either side. But the union has in writing an employment safeguard for the country's 24,000 registered dock workers which guarantees that men made redundant in any port will be found a job locally with other stevedoring employers.

It was that issue, brought to a head by the threat in Liverpool to put 178 dockers on the "temporary unattached register" (TUR) which reduces the men to fallback pay, that led to the union's official stoppage call.

In a letter to Mr Thomas Cronin, national docks secretary of the union, Mr Eric Bainbridge, secretary of the National Association of Port Employers, pledged that the register is eliminated except for the purposes of administering discipline, and that the Liverpool dockers due to lose their jobs this week will be found other employment by October 6.

Further, the employers say: "This agreement and procedure will apply nationally to the ports industry." That promise means that dockers who do not want to opt for voluntary severance pay of up to £8,500 will be found work if their employer goes out of business.

Dockers in Liverpool meet this morning to decide whether to endorse the unanimous vote by the union's national docks delegate conference in London yesterday to call off the strike.

Merseyside port workers lobbying the meeting were congratulating their leaders on the outcome of the dispute, and that suggests they will work normally.

Deep sea dockers in Belfast have ended their six-week strike after agreeing to a new pay deal yesterday (the Press Association reports).

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elsh boxer still ritical'

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agCorrespondent

nky Owen aged 24, the thyr Tydfil boxer who into a coma after being ked out in the twelfth d of his challenge for the r championship against lupe Pintor of Mexico, still unconscious in California Hospital in Los les yesterday. He had an ation to remove a clot on rain on Saturday. condition is expected to in critical for the next 48 though last night he ed to pain, a hopeful sign. s mother and sister flew rday to Los Angeles after k of working men's clubs uth Wales raised money for their stay as long as sary. Mr Edward ands, Labour MP for yr Tydfil, made personal entations to the Foreign and the United States ssy to ensure that Mrs Owen and her daughter, received their passports ssas without delay.

Edmund Thomas, the pro- and a former British pion, paid for their flight s Kenneth Short, Labour MP Wolverhampton North East, the British Boxing of Control to rule that ead should no longer be a mate target. "The sport become too brutal and tating", she said.

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PLO rebuff for US in monetary talks

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Sept 21

Efforts by the United States Government to deny observer status to the Palestine Liberation Organization at the forthcoming joint annual meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund appear to have failed so far.

The Americans are still determined to bar the PLO. There is a danger now that the meeting will be dominated by political arguments and bitterness so common at the United Nations but infrequent at the IMF and the World Bank.

At America's instigation member countries of the World Bank were asked to vote on a resolution barring the PLO. The deadline for the vote was last Friday evening.

The World Bank refused to announce the outcome of the ballot at the weekend. But it seems certain that the pro-PLO forces won.

Monetary officials are convinced that the issue will gravely damage the institutions. For example, if the PLO is seated at the meeting it could lead the United States Congress to vote in the next two weeks against a foreign aid bill that includes funding for both the IMF and the World Bank.

In sharp contrast, Arab members of the institutions have let it be known that their future lending to the World Bank and the IMF will depend upon the PLO attending the annual meeting.

Mr Robert McNamara, president of the World Bank, has made no secret of his deep concern about the future of his institution because of the political dispute. He called an emergency meeting of the bank's executive directors last Friday night.

Under IMF-World Bank rules the ballot first had to be accepted by a quorum consisting of more than half of the member governments and more than two thirds of the shareholders.

The Saudi Arabians, leading the PLO campaign, sought to thwart the American effort by preventing the establishment of a quorum. It appears that so many governments did not vote that a quorum was not established and that the United States therefore failed to get a vote on its resolution.

American Treasury officials met at the weekend to discuss what to do next. The World Bank directors have decided not to record the vote officially until their next meeting tomorrow or Tuesday, so giving the United States some time to decide what to do.

The United States may decide to seek an open vote on the issue at the start of the annual meeting, but this could lead to a heated political debate that would taint aside the main purpose of the meeting to discuss the world's economy.

quiry after th dentist's two collapse anaesthetic

Staff Reporter

Department of Health Social Security yesterday inquiries into the use by sts of the anaesthetic oberitone after the col of two men who were the drug during routine ment on Friday.

incidents happened within urs of each other at the dental surgery in Egremont, west Cumberland. Mr Pickering, aged 23, of croft, Egremont, and Mr McAllister, aged 20, of Drive, Gulley Flats, mont, had gone for fillings had been given the drug renously.

night Mr McAllister was to be dangerously ill and tering in a critical con- in the intensive care of West Cumberland Hos- Whitehaven.

Department of Health Social Security said that it not been notified of any le with the anaesthetic. usands of injections of drug have been given to nts quite safely over a er of years, but several s have also been reported. believed that there may been as many as a dozen. ugh the department spokesman did not have access to records yesterday.

There is a dispute in the profession as to how safe it is to use Methohexitone in a dentist's consulting room without an anaesthetist being present.

But the drug, a short-acting barbiturate from which dental patients normally come round quickly, is popular with many people who cannot face dentistry unless they have this kind of anaesthetic.

The dental argument is that it has been regarded as quite safe and that it is impractical for patients to go to hospital every time they ask for it to be used.

A statement on behalf of Mr Neil Forker, the dentist who treated Mr McAllister and Mr Pickering, who work for the same Whitehaven firm, said they had been treated routinely. "The first was admitted to hospital several hours after leaving the surgery. The second was admitted to hospital on the dentist's advice as a routine precaution on hearing of the first man's admission."

Mr Forker had, recently, set up in practice in the town; other patients had been treated with the drug without showing any adverse effects.

Turkey brings in tough laws

Turkey's new civilian Government has a 26-man Cabinet composed largely of bureaucrats and retired generals. It is led by the former Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish Navy, Admiral Bulent Ulusu. At the same time as the new Cabinet was made public, the five-man National Security Council announced harsher new martial law regulations Page 5

British Eiger ascent

Mr Eric Jones of Tremadoc, North Wales, has become the first British mountaineer to climb the north wall of the Eiger alone. That face is one of the most treacherous in the Alps. Mr Jones, aged 43, spent three days and two nights on the climb Page 4

Choice for Ecologists

The Ecology Party's sudden growth since the general election has faced the party with a choice of directions, it became clear at its annual conference Page 2

Titan blast inquiry

An inquiry has begun in the United States into Friday's Titan 2 missile explosion amid mystery over whether the missile had a nuclear warhead Page 5

Deadline for Consett takeover extended

The British Steel Corporation extended by a week the deadline for firm proposals from the consortium interested in buying the Consett steelworks. The corporation said it would keep furnaces and coke ovens at working heat until next Sunday but would not extend the deadline further Page 2

Soldier goes home

Private Aleksandr Cruglov has "freely decided to go home to the Soviet Union and has left the United States Embassy in Kabul Page 5

Flood havoc kills 203

Floods in India have taken a heavy toll of life and property in the state of Orissa. The official death toll was 203 Page 5

Nuclear warfare: Dr David Owen has called in a pamphlet for a negotiated ban on battlefield nuclear weapons in Nato and the Warsaw Pact 3

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British Steel extends deadline for takeover at Consett

By Peter Hill
Industrial Editor

The British Steel Corporation has set a seven-day deadline for proposals from the private consortium that has expressed interest in buying the Consett steelwork, co Durham, which the corporation closed 10 days ago.

British Steel's first deadline for such proposals passed yesterday. Since the works closed, with the loss of nearly 3,000 jobs, the corporation has kept the blast furnaces and coke ovens hot to allow time for the consortium to complete its plans.

Costly overhauls would be necessary to bring cold furnaces and coke ovens back into service. The corporation said it would keep them hot until next Sunday, at an additional cost of about £250,000, but would not be prepared to extend the deadline.

The ability of the consortium to realize its plan to employ 2,700 workers at Consett by the end of the year will depend on a meeting of its members on *Wednesday*.

At a meeting last week between a British Steel team, led by Mr Ian MacGregor, the chairman, and representatives of the group, Mr MacGregor emphasized that further talks would have to be with principals who were able to negotiate.

The corporation has attached conditions to the possible sale, encompassing payments for the overhead costs of the works, severance and redundancy pay to former employees, and raw material supplies.

The principals and companies involved in the takeover move have yet to reveal themselves, but it is claimed that the venture has the support of about a dozen companies with a combined turnover of more than £700m.

A spokesman for the group said last night: "We obviously welcome the corporation's relaxation of the original deadline. This will enable our meeting on Wednesday to go ahead as planned."

A senior British Steel executive said: "We have agreed to shoulder the cost of keeping the plant warm for one week. But we cannot go on paying out this sort of money and we want to see the principals in this consortium and establish what their credentials are".

The consortium is expected to *seek a further meeting with* British Steel later this week and remains confident that its plan can be realized, amid considerable scepticism from both the steel corporation and hard-pressed independent steel makers.

More flexible museum opening hours urged

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

A call for greater flexibility in the opening hours of Britain's museums and galleries will be made when the main sessions of the Museums Association's annual conference begin in London tomorrow.

There are about 1,800 museums and galleries in the United Kingdom and they attract 49 million visitors a year. The figure has been steadily increasing because of advances in exhibition and conservation techniques, and is catching up with the 53 million who visit country homes and gardens.

Nevertheless, the complaints are building up about the museums' inability to meet the public demand for a greater readiness to open at weekends and on holidays.

Mr Dennis Farr, the association's president and director of the Courtauld Institute Galleries, will tell the conference that many museums are closed on Sunday mornings, unlike museums in most European countries. Traditional attitudes have to be changed.

He will ask how many museums and galleries remain open after normal working hours so that men and women in factories and offices *can visit them during the week*.

"If we are part of the leisure industry, as I think we are, should we not try to be more accommodating to our customers, both actual *and* potential?"

Apart from the outgoing president's speech, delegates will spend much of their time debating the threat to many collections caused by a lack of correct environmental conditions and storage space brought about by financial cuts.

In some cases serious decay and decomposition from years of neglect are beginning to erode the nation's heritage.

Sinfonietta may be disbanded for lack of cash

By Martin Huckerby
Music Reporter

The Bournemouth Sinfonietta which is due to be reduced by a third, may well be disbanded if its finances continue to worsen, the Western Orchestral Society, which runs the Sinfonietta and the larger Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, said.

Redundancies announced by the society will cut the sinfonietta from 35 players to 24, forcing it to concentrate on the smaller chamber orchestra repertoire. Vigorous attempts are being made by the society to raise enough money to prevent the redundancies; but the prospects appear gloomy.

Four leading conductors, Sir Charles Groves, Norman Del Mar, George Hurst and Christopher Seaman, said last week that the Sinfonietta's survival was seriously at risk because of possible further cuts next month.

The society faces a deficit of £103,000, and although it is hoping for voluntary donations and extra sponsorship, a lot of the money will have to come through extra grants from local councils in the South-west.

Hungarians win battle for dead general

From Our Correspondent
Ludlow

Expatriate Hungarians gathered in a small Herefordshire churchyard at the weekend to celebrate a victory over the Russian-backed communist régime in their homeland. They unveiled a memorial at the grave of Lieutenant-General Lazar Meszaros, who for them symbolizes Hungary's fight for freedom from oppression.

The general was Defence Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Hungarian army, which was defeated by Russian and Austrian forces in 1848-49. He fled after defeat, eventually settling in England and dying in Herefordshire in 1858. His remains had lain undisturbed in the churchyard at Titley until the Hungarian Government applied last year to exhume them.

The Government said it wanted to rebury the body in Budapest, but the Hungarian Freedom Fighters Federation, the Mindzenti Foundation (UK), and the general's great-niece all opposed the application.

Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, rejected the Hun-Hungarian Government's application

Union seeks increased spending on dockland

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Liverpool port employers yesterday welcomed the decision by a national dock delegate conference to call off the threatened strike but political difficulties lie ahead for the Government.

The Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU), to which the men belong, is to press ministers for increased public spending in dockland to avert labour difficulties of the sort that prompted the threatened halt to Britain's exports.

Mr Alex Kitson, deputy-general secretary of the TGWU, said last night: "If our ports are going to be viable and able to compete with European ports, then the Government must have a new policy of investment and modernization. Then, I am sure, it would not be a dying industry."

Union officials yesterday claimed that the Liverpool dockers had been used as pawns by employers in the port who wanted the kind of *government financial aid that* had been granted in London by the Labour government but denied to other ports by the Conservative Administration.

The union is planning to seek the support of port employers in a joint approach to the Cabinet for public funding of ancillary activities such as dock and lock gate maintenance, said to be commonplace in other countries in the European Community, so that overall costs to stevedoring companies are brought into line with European ports.

The issue of increased redundancy pay for the dock workers will be taken up today by the National Joint Council for the Ports Industry, and Mr James Fitzpatrick, chairman of the Liverpool port employers, yesterday predicted a new formula for payoffs that would result in a "marked *acceleration" in the number* of men leaving the industry.

Voluntary severance is seen by the Liverpool employers as the only way out of the dilemma over surplus labour.

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Railmen told to join talks or face job losses

Job cuts might be imposed on the railway unions if they did not talk to the management about better productivity, Mr Signey Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said yesterday.

He was making a new plea to the other British Rail unions to join talks on his union's case for *big inflation-linked pay rises* while job cuts and new working practices are agreed.

Speaking in Chester to delegates representing more than 6,000 signalmen, he said they had invited both the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association to join them so that "we can be seen to be speaking with one voice on behalf of all railway workers".

Last month the NUR failed to persuade those unions to join an approach to British Rail. But Mr Weighell said yesterday: "The NUR cannot wait much longer". He wanted to take the initiative rather than be forced to respond to events in a piecemeal way, he said.

Mr Weighell said the NUR's demands would cost nearly £500m. But he added: "I do not *think it is unreasonable to de*mand good conditions of service and an end to long hours.

"The Government must play its part if we are to revitalize this great public industry and progress towards a railway system of which the nation can be proud, manned by a well paid staff with a pride in their job."

From the grassroots: Evangelistic fervour in organizational chains

Ecologists in search of a religious renewal

This is the first of a weekly series in which Ian Bradley will write about political trends and personalities away from the confines of Whitehall and Westminster. They will include sketches of leading MPs visiting their constituencies and reports on meetings of fringe parties and groups around the country.

Half way through their annual conference, which took place over the weekend, the Ecology Party had to move from the great hall of Cardiff University to make way for a concert by a Salvation Army band and a local male voice choir.

It was a pity that the two events could not have shared the same room. By general consent, the Ecologists were badly in need of some inspirational fervour at their weekend gathering.

The evangelistic atmosphere which has hitherto surrounded their crusade to free the world from the evils of factory farming, nuclear waste and multinational companies seemed to have given way to a rather arid obsession with the constitution and organization of their party.

Admittedly the appearance of most of the 200 or so participants in the conference (average age under 30) gave the impression more of a religious cult than of a political party. Beards and sandals predominated among the men and several of the women had a similar Old Testament look. Many showed a commendable zeal in living out their principles, refusing to drive cars and shunning the meals laid on by the university catering service in favour of their own bowls of nuts and muesli.

But there was no doubt that the main interest at the conference lay in the 20 constitutional amendments which, with sundry amendments to amendments, references back and other legalistic wrangles, occupied the whole of Saturday.

They leave the party with a complex appeals tribunal, the need for which no one seemed at all clear about, and without separate political and organizational committees which the leadership felt were necessary to make the Ecologists an effective political force.

It is difficult to avoid the impression that in increasing its membership from 1,000 to 6,000 since the last election the Ecology Party has grown too fast for its own good.

It now faces the difficulties of organizing itself into a mass political party which seeks *votes on a large scale* while coping with the accession into its ranks of many who see its main purpose as raising the community's level of ecological consciousness and pursuing winning elections.

The party's obsession with local campaigns, rather than organizational and constitutional matters is a reflection of that dilemma.

It is a consequence both of the Ecologists' determination to show that they are a serious *political party*, with a *proper* constitution, and of the split between those who want to make it more effective as a national political force and the local activists who would prefer a totally decentralized, almost anarchic, structure.

The debate between those two views was a central feature of the conference and was largely unresolved at the end of it.

The same determination to prove themselves a serious political party makes the Ecologists, like the Liberals, prone to produce very long and detailed policy resolutions. Yesterday they talked their way through a 424-paragraph motion on economics which managed to avoid any mention of inflation or the money supply and concentrated largely on the need to build a self-sufficient, informal economy in Britain.

Other motions advocating a Minister of Wildlife and a tax on the site value of land were referred back for further discussion.

The Ecologists are keen to show that their policies cover every area and not just the environmental field. On Friday afternoon groups discussed policy on such diverse issues as human rights, health and taxation. Significantly, the group to attract the largest number of *participants was on the party's* organization and structure.

In fact, the party seems to have increased its membership largely through single issue campaigns, most notably against nuclear weapons, rather than through support for the whole range of its policies. That at least is the considered, though regretful view of Mr Jonathan Porritt, who retired yesterday as chairman of the national council and effective leader of the party.

He believes that the next two years will be crucial in establishing the party's credibility. "If we do not start making significant gains in local elections, I think we will have to rethink our entire strategy," he said.

It will be the hard task of his successor, to be elected by the national council next weekend, to keep up the momentum and translate the Ecologists' crusading enthusiasm into concrete political victories.

A glass raised in tribute to a Seafire (left), two Spitfires and a Hurricane (top) at Biggin Hill yesterday to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Battle of Britain and the last air show.

Pilot of crash bomber 'experienced display flyer'

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the police were not prepared to *issue the full list of names until* the next of kin had been informed. Scotland Yard identified the pilot, however, as Mr Donald Bullock, aged 41, of Wimbledon south-west London.

Mr Bullock was head of Euroworld, an air ferry and freight organization

Among the passengers on board were Chief Master Sergeant Ronald Thompson, who was based at the American fighter base at Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, and Sergeant Mechanic Kevin Vince, aged 24, from the same base.

Other passengers included a middle-aged man from Heston, London; a man aged 43 from Clapham Common; and a man aged 19 from Uxbridge.

The A26 was built by the Douglas company and first flew in 1941. It was introduced in 1944 and saw successful combat over Europe. More than 400 were built and the aircraft was regarded as advanced and fast for its time. The one which crashed yesterday was the only one of its type on the British register and it is thought that there are no others left in Europe.

The display was part of an afternoon which included the traditional appearance of a Spitfire and Hurricane over the field. They were followed by other old aircraft including a *Flying Fortress*.

There were vintage jet aircraft including a Hunter, a Meteor and a Vampire as well as the RAF's latest fighter. The Invader was displayed on the ground before flying began.

Mr Jock Maitland, display coordinator, said he had known Mr Bullock for many years. "He had been doing display flying for a lot of years and flew for me at least six times."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, who had given an address in the main hangar during a service earlier in the day, said: "I am distressed that such a memorable occasion should have been marred by tragedy.

"My first thought is for the relatives of those who were killed. I send them my deepest sympathy and prayers."

Eleven patients checked for legionnaires' disease

By a Staff Reporter

Eleven suspected cases of legionnaires' disease were being treated in British hospitals yesterday. All the patients were known to have stayed at the Rio Park Hotel, in Benidorm.

But in seven of the cases, in the Middlesbrough area, it was not thought likely that the patients had the disease, according to the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre.

Three in England and Wales, who are in hospitals in Cardiff, Nottinghamshire and Birmingham, are also not confirmed but *show stronger symptoms*. A case in Scotland is described as comfortable.

Spanish cases: Two cases of legionnaires' disease have been detected in the northern Basque province of Biscaya, medical sources at Bilbao said (Agence France-Presse reports from Madrid).

In brief

Channel 'king' after 20 swims

Mr Michael Read, aged 39, an animal nutritionist, is the new king of the Channel. Yesterday he completed his twentieth successful English Channel swim, his third this year.

Mr Read, of Church Crescent, Sproughton, Ipswich, landed on the French coast 15 hours after leaving Dover. He takes the title, for the greatest number of successful swims, from Mr Desmond Renford, aged 53, of Australia, who retired after making 19 crossings.

Post-mortem today on Jacky Gillott

A post-mortem examination is to be held today on Jacky Gillott, the writer and broadcaster, who was found dead at her home at Stone Croft, Pitcombe, near Bruton, Somerset, on Friday night. Miss Gillott, aged 41, was married to Mr John Percival, the television producer.

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Boy burnt by rail cable

Sean Cumberbirch, aged 12, of Platt Bridge, near Wigan, was said to be poorly in Manchester Booth Hall children's burns unit last night after a 25,000 volt electric shock while standing near a railway overhead power line.

Choirmaster resigns

Mr Eric Chadwick, choirmaster of the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus, has been asked to resign after unrest among the singers which came to a head over the choice of a programme to be performed with the Hallé Orchestra.

Start on £2m hospital

Building work is to start next August on the new Rosie Maternity Hospital in Cambridge to comply with the conditions laid down by Mr David Robinson, a businessman, who has given £2m towards the project.

Race course service

The Rev Geoffrey Shrives, vicar of Epsom, conducted a service at Tattenham Corner on Epsom race course yesterday to celebrate Horseman's Sunday. Mr Shrives is a non rider.

Gang attacks youth

John Dunraven, aged 17, of Beldon Road, Norfolk Park, Sheffield, needed emergency treatment and more than 300 stitches after being attacked by a gang near the city centre.

Sea angling champion

Mr Morten Thune, of Norway, won the individual title in the European sea angling championships in the three-day event which ended at Stornoway, Western Isles, on Saturday.

500,000 at festival

More than 500,000 people attended the Hongkong in London festival, held at Battersea Park at the weekend, its organisers reported last night.

Arts post

Miss Fran Morrison is to give up news reading with BBC television's *Newsnight* to become its arts correspondent for the programme.

Weather forecast and recordings

Today

Sun rises: 6.47 am. Sun sets: 6.59 pm
Moon sets: 3.39 am. Moon rises: 6.20 pm
Full moon: September 24.
Lighting up: 7.29 pm to 6.18 am.
High water: London Bridge, 13.22 am; 6.3m; 12.49 pm, 6.4m. Avonmouth: 6.6 am, 11.9m; 6.33 pm, 12.7m. Dover, 9.57 am, 6.3m; 10.17 pm, 6.4m. Hull, 4.52 am, 6.7m; 5.34 pm, 6.9m. Liverpool, 10.19 am, 8.6m; 10.38 pm, 9.1m.
1ft=0.3048m. 1m=3.2808ft.

A complex area of low pressure will move N over Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England, East Anglia: Showers, perhaps heavy with thunder, dying out, sunny intervals developing; wind S or SW, light or moderate; max temp 18° to 20°C (64° to 68°F).

Central S, NW and Central N England, Midlands, Lake District: Sunny intervals and scattered showers; wind S or SW, light or moderate; max temp 17° to 19°C (63° to 66°F).

E and NE England: Mostly cloudy, hill and coastal fog, rain or drizzle at times, becoming drier from S; wind E, light or variable; max temp 14° to 16°C (57° to 61°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, becoming rather cloudy at times with more frequent showers; wind S or SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 16°C to 18°C (61° to 64°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Mostly cloudy, hill and coastal fog, rain or drizzle at times, perhaps persistent rain later; wind E, moderate; max temp 13° to 15°C (55° to 59°F).

SW and NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: Mainly dry, some bright periods, chiefly in W, hill fog patches, perhaps a little rain or drizzle in Argyll; wind E or SE, light or moderate; Max temp 14° to 16°C (57° to 61°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy, rain or drizzle at times, hill and coastal fog; wind E, moderate or fresh; max temp 12° to 14°C (54° to 57°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Continuing unsettled, with showers or longer periods of rain and temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind S, fresh, locally strong, becoming SW, moderate; sea moderate.

St George's Channel: Wind SW, strong, with local gale, decreasing to moderate or fresh; sea rough, becoming moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind SE, strong, with local gale, decreasing to fresh; sea rough, becoming moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 20°C (68°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 16°C (61°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 68 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.09in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 2½ hr. Mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,010.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, September 21

	Sun hrs	Rain ins	Max temp C	Max temp F	
E COAST					
Scarborough	4.9	—	21	70	Fog am
Bridlington	6.8	—	18	64	Sun pm
Cleethorpes	4.4	—	19	66	Sun pm
Clacton	3.9	.01	20	68	Sun pm
Margate	7.9	.01	19	66	Sun pm
S COAST					
Hastings	7.7	.05	19	66	Sun pm
Eastbourne	7.4	.19	19	66	Sun pm
Brighton	8.1	.34	19	66	Shwr am
Bognor	7.9	.74	18	64	Sun pm
Southsea	6.1	.45	19	66	Sun pm
Sandown	6.8	.42	18	64	Shwr am
Exmouth	2.4	.97	17	63	Shwr am
Torquay	2.8	.83	17	63	Rain am
Falmouth	3.7	.65	17	63	Shwr pm
W COAST					
Morecambe	6.1	.02	22	72	Sun pm
Blackpool	5.5	.10	21	70	Rain am
Anglesey	6.2	.47	21	70	Rain am
Ilfracombe	3.3	1.86	18	64	Rain am
Newquay	3.9	1.69	19	66	Rain am

Overseas selling prices

Antiguia 8.25; Austria Sch 20; Bahrain BD 0.600; Bejaium B frs 30; Canada Dlr 0.80; Cyprus 400 mils; Denmark Dkr 5; Finland Mkk 5; France Frs 4.50; Germany Dm 3.50; Greece Dr 75; Holland Gl 2.25; Iran Rials 140; Italy L 1100; Jordan JD 0.370; Kuwait KD 0.500; Lebanon LL 5; Luxembourg Lf 30; Madeira Esc 50; Malta 20c; Morocco Dir 6.00; Norway Kr 8.00; Oman OR 0.500; Pakistan Rs 10; Portugal Esc 50; Saudi Arabia SR 5.50; Qtr 6.00; Spain Pes 90; Sweden Skr 5.50; Singapore $4.5; South Africa R 1.50; Switzerland S frs 3.50; Tunisia Din 450; UK 40p; US 80c; Yugoslavia Din 40.

Canada $4.50; CAR Dlr 6.50; Yugoslavia Din 40.

Saturday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 20°C (68°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 17°C (63°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 82 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.01in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,007 millibars, falling.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY

f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; c, cloud; d, drizzle

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Akrotiri	s	26	79	Cardiff	f	17	63	Jersey	c	16	61	Minsk	c	14	57
Algiers	s	29	84	Cologne	s	25	77	L Palmas	f	23	73	Nice	s	24	75
Amsterdam	f	21	70	Copenhagen	s	19	66	Lisbon	f	20	68	Oslo	c	14	57
Athens	s	27	81	Dublin	s	19	66	Locarno	f	20	68	Paris	s	22	72
Barcelona	f	27	81	Edinburgh	s	15	59	London	c	18	64	Reykjavik	c	11	52
Beirut	s	29	84	Florence	s	28	82	Luxembourg	s	19	66	Rome	s	26	79
Belfast	r	15	59	Funchal	c	21	70	Madrid	s	20	68	Ronaldsway	c	17	63
Berlin	f	21	70	Geneva	f	18	64	Majorca	f	17	63	Stockholm	f	16	61
Biarritz	f	24	75	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Malaga	s	25	77	Tel Aviv	s	29	84
Birmingham	c	17	63	Guernsey	c	16	61	Malta	s	26	79	Venice	s	22	72
Bristol	c	17	63	Helsinki	f	10	50	Manchester	c	16	61	Vienna	s	19	66
Brussels	s	21	70	Innsbruck	s	22	72	Moscow	c	10	50	Warsaw	c	14	57
Budapest	s	22	72	Istanbul	f	23	73	Munich	s	22	72	Zurich	s	22	72

Inquiry into royal 'Holbein' painting exported to the US

By Frances Gibb

An inquiry is to be held by the Department of Trade into allegations that a painting which could be by Hans Holbein the Younger and worth as much as £100,000 has been exported to the United States in the guise of a minor Italian painting.

The painting, which is said to have been in the royal collection, was bought at Christie's in February, 1979, for £3,500 by three dealers acting together.

The work has been sold to the J. Paul Getty Museum, Malibu. It was exported on April 12 under the description from Christie's catalogue Circle of Giulio Romano, and was not subject to the delay imposed by export controls on works of national importance.

Despite allegations in art circles that the purchase price was a true reflection of the market value of a Holbein, the dealers involved, Colnaghi's, Artemis and Anthony Speelman Ltd, say the museum paid £15,000. Christie's reserve was £300.

The case will raise questions about the effectiveness of the Auction (Bidding Agreements) Act, which prohibits joint bidding without the auctioneers being notified in advance. Earlier this year it was disclosed that Artemis and two other dealers, Eugene Thaw and Agnew's had bid together for a marble bust by Algardi.

They paid £150,000, then applied for a licence to export it to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, at a valuation of £265,000.

The painting, measuring 17¼ in across in its square frame.

The Algardi case is under investigation by the Director of Public Prosecutions, to determine if there has been a breach of the Act.

Yesterday the Department of Trade said it would be investigating the matter to see if there had been a breach of the Export of Goods Control Order. Depending on its findings, the department would consider whether the case should be referred "to the relevant authorities".

An inquiry may also be held by the Society of London Art Dealers, of which the three dealers are members. Mr John Baskett, the chairman, said yesterday: "I will be discussing with my colleagues on the executive committee what action we should take". As far as he knew, allegations of that kind had not been made in art circles before. The case of the Algardi bust, he said, was "quite a different kettle of fish".

That involved a much-publicized, expensive item, in which three dealers decided to bid together in a way unlikely to affect the price, but which would at least enable them to raise the money for purchase. "In certain circumstances that can be quite proper."

Mr Richard Herner, a director and partner at Colnaghi's, said it was untrue that the museum had paid a large sum, said to be about £250,000, for the work. He confirmed, however, that the dealers had acted together.

"I believe this is perfectly correct. Every dealer has the right to buy jointly with other dealers at auction; it has traditionally always been done. I do not see it is illegal."

The law was unclear on the matter. "There is a lot of difference between buying with colleagues, pooling one's knowledge and financial resources, and conducting a 'knock-out' auction after the sale, which of course did not happen here."

There was no certainty that the picture was a Holbein. The museum has bought it on the possibility that it might be. But despite extensive research only one expert had provided some evidence to support the view, he said.

Professor John Fletcher, of Oxford University, an expert in dating panels by the growth rings in the wood, put it at about 1530. Mr Herner said Professor Fletcher thought it was similar to a work by Quentin Massys, in whose studio Holbein worked for two years.

As Lot 24 in Christie's sale on February 9 last year, the picture was described as "The Circle of Giulio", measuring 17¼in square, on panel; an allegorical representation of a man on horseback, inscribed in a painted circle. "The support of the panel is incised with the monogram of Henry, Prince of Wales."

The picture was first spotted by Mr Anthony Haynes, a picture dealer based at Coventry, in a sale held by Bruton Knowles, of Gloucester. Mr Arthur Negus, the BBC antiques expert, and a director of the firm, helped to catalogue it and described the carved initials, PH, as a "hatchment", which means a tablet with armorial bearings hung in church.

Mr Haynes bought it for £2,700. He then took it to Christie's, where, he says, it was put in for sale with a £300 reserve. Alerted before the sale, he withdrew it and it was later entered a second time.

Mr William Mostyn-Owen, of Christie's Old Masters department, who catalogued the work, told Mr Haynes before the sale that neither he nor Sir Oliver Millar, Surveyor of the Queen's pictures, had been able to trace the work in the royal inventories, although Mr Mostyn-Owen added, it would be nice if it ended up there.

Yesterday Mr Mostyn-Owen said that if all the experts agreed the work was a Holbein, then he might estimate a price of about £100,000 for it. There was no certainty, however.

On the original entry for sale, he said that when dealers sent works to the auctioneers they were automatically entered for sale on the only advice sent was the catalogue. Because of a clerical error, Mr Haynes's catalogue arrived only just before the sale.

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HOME NEWS

...ime for Europe to be ...ll partner in arms ...alks, Dr Owen says

...ur Political Editor

...negotiated ban on battle- ...nuclear weapons in Nato ...the Warsaw Pact countries ...have greater security ...ntages than some of the ...egic disarmament objec- ...being pursued, Dr David ..., the former Foreign Sec- ..., argues in a pamphlet ...shed yesterday.

...llenging both unilateral ...amament and rearmament, ...wen insists that Britain, ... retaining its nuclear ...ms, should intensify the ...ach to active negotiations.

...s booed at the Labour ... special conference last ... for urging the need to ...iate from strength.

... he develops the argument ...ough that the time has ... for Britain and other ...ean allies to be partners ... Strategic Arms Limita- ...alks, not merely onlookers ...re consulted. It would be ...sible to sustain such a ... had the Labour govern- ...decided to abandon ...ear weapons.

...notes the present Govern- ... scepticism, but asks: ...long can Europe effec- ...ept out and allow critical ...ations on its security to ...ndled by a United States ...ent with no direct Euro- ...involvement? The leader- ...ple of the United States ...een eroded and may never ...carry the same automatic ...ity in Europe."

...Owen proposes that the ...field weapon ban should ...eventually to what he calls a "negotiated disengagement in Europea", but he allows that cruise missiles launched from land or the air might still be required to reassure the West Germans.

While arguing against the Conservatives' decision to replace the Polaris submarine force with the Trident system, Dr Owen says that, if in the 1990s the need for a British nuclear deterrent was still felt, "for European political reasons", then it should be a cheaper alternative.

He suggests purchasing cruise missiles to be fired from the torpedo tubes of Britain's existing submarines.

Dr Owen, as "so-called co-partner" in the Labour Government's decision to continue with the secret Chevaline warhead improvement programme, costing £1,000m, discreetly disagrees with his accusers in the protest movement.

"I believe it is important to correct the impression that there has been no debate, even though there has been too little debate", he says.

He notes that he wrote in 1972 about the discussion then going on over the need to "harden" the warhead, and said that "it appears that in later 1970" the government decided to embark on the hardening programme. The reference is to the Conservatives, but no further explanation is offered of why Labour never made its decision public. *Negotiate And Survive* (CLP Publications, 39c Highbury Place, London, N5 1QP, 50p).

Nuclear war expected by 48% in poll

By a Staff Reporter

Forty-eight per cent of people questioned in a poll believe that nuclear war is likely in their lifetime and 70 per cent think that the threat of nuclear war is greater now than it was a year ago.

Women and young people are particularly worried about the prospect of nuclear war, with 55 per cent of women and 58 per cent of the 15 to 24 age group thinking it likely to occur in their lifetime.

Only three out of ten think that Britain should give up nuclear weapons unilaterally in the absence of general disarmament, although there is greater support for such an initiative, nearly four out of ten, among young people.

The poll was conducted by *Marplan for the BBC television programme, Panorama*, which tonight is to present a debate on whether Britain should abandon nuclear weapons. Supporters of the policy will be led by Mr E. P. Thompson, the historian, and opponents by Lord Chalfont.

A rally was held yesterday in protest at the Government's decision to site American cruise missiles in the Royal Air Force base at Greenham Common, near Newbury, Berkshire.

Speakers included Miss Susannah York, the actress, Miss Joan Lestor, Labour MP for Eton and Slough, and Dr John Cox, vice-chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Photograph by Bill Warhurst

Japanese monks chanting holy sutras yesterday during the unveiling of the Buddha enshrined in the peace pagoda which overlooks Willen Lake, Milton Keynes.

Talks today on 'Star' threat and evening papers merger

By Our Labour Editor

A threat to continued publication of the *Daily Star* and speculation about a merger of the London *Evening Standard* with the rival *Evening News* will be discussed by printing union leaders and the management of Express Newspapers Ltd today.

In talks with Lord Matthews, chairman of the company, the unions will argue that the planned cessation of printing of the *Daily Star* in London is tantamount to a decision to close the country's newest daily newspaper.

Mr John Mitchell, London machine branch secretary of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa), said last night: "If the London operation closes and it is produced wholly in Manchester, the paper will die. It will not sustain its readership in the South."

An estimated 450,000 copies of the *Daily Star's* circulation of just over a million are printed in Fleet Street and union officials fear the loss of many jobs if production is withdrawn to Manchester, where the newspaper was launched.

The talks with the management of Express Newspapers, publishers of the title, will bring together leaders of all the printing unions and the National Union of Journalists. Members of the NUJ on the *Daily Star* are due to go into a mandatory chapel (office union branch) meeting at lunchtime to consider the outcome of the discussions.

Speculation that Express Newspapers is considering a merger of the *Evening Standard* with the *Evening News*, owned by Associated Newspapers (publishers of the *Daily Mail*), will also be raised by the unions. A business amalgamation was mooted several years ago but came to nothing.

If such a scheme is launched, it could be a greater risk to jobs than the threat to the *Daily Star*. Several hundred printing workers and journalists would become unemployed.

Families eat more meat, fewer potatoes

Families in Britain are eating more meat, according to the government figures published today.

Purchases of beef, pork and lamb all rose markedly in the first quarter of this year, averaging 18.5 ounces a person a week, compared with 16.4 ounces a year before.

The national food survey, carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture, showed that rises for beef and pork "appeared to be entirely due to bulk purchases for freezer storage, although for lamb there was also an increase in purchases by households not owning a deep freeze".

Food prices rose by 12 per cent in the first quarter, well below the general rate of inflation, but housewives' spending rose by about 16 per cent over the same period last year, according to the survey of more than 2,000 households.

Average food spending was £6.92 a person a week, 98p higher than a year ago.

Consumption of milk rose from 4.17 to 4.33 pints a person a week, despite an increase in the retail price, but butter purchases dropped to their lowest level for many years, at 4.25 ounces, compared to 4.47 ounces last year.

The British are consuming fewer potatoes and sausages and less sugar and canned fruit, and more fish and fresh vegetables, the survey reported.

...ublin acts ...ease ...trol crisis

Our Correspondent

Charles Haughey, the Prime Minister, is introducing emergency measures to enable doctors, nurses, ...ance staff and other ...ial workers to obtain ... in the Dublin area.

... announcement was made ...day after a cabinet meeting which considered the ...ing petrol crisis in the ... For the past fortnight ...oker workers in five com- ... have refused to take out ...vehicles in a dispute over ...ductivity agreement.

... an overwhelming vote on ...day they decided to con- ... their action. Only a ... of petrol is available ...blin and the surrounding ...

...ils of the Government's ...ements will be made ... today but they will not ...e the use of the Army. ...felt that the introduction ...diers to man the tankers ... spread the dispute to ...er of the country.

... Gene Fitzgerald, the ...der for Labour, is to ...e talks today with the ...s of Trade Unions and ...federated Union of Em- ...

...long motorists' queues ... outside Esso filling sta- ... which, together with ...r smaller company are ...nly ones that have re- ...d open. Public transport ...o been affected.

'Russia no threat' denial by MP

By Our Political Staff

Mr Norman Atkinson, treasurer of the Labour Party, angrily denied yesterday that he had said in an interview in Russia: "As a result of meetings in Moscow and Leningrad we have seen for ourselves that the Soviet Union does not threaten anyone."

He commented: "What a fatuous comment that would be. Certainly I have said no such thing." The remark was said by the *Sunday Express* yesterday to have appeared in *Izvestia* on September 13.

Mr Atkinson said that he had talked to *Izvestia* and to Radio Moscow about world peace and the need to reduce the number of nuclear weapons on a multilateral basis.

There was obviously a Russian threat, he said. It was only because a threat existed on both sides that one could speak of the balance of terror.

Mr Atkinson expressed dismay that the *Sunday Express* had used what he called "inaccurate" quotation. "If you say anything on these occasions it gets twisted against you", he said, but agreed that that also applied to the Russians.

Mr Atkinson, a prominent left-wing member of Labour's national executive, had been visiting Moscow partly through the sponsorship of the Soviet Institute for Strategic Studies.

...tional Theatre may scrap ...solete stage machinery

...rtin Huckerby ...e Reporter

... years after the opening ... National Theatre, the ...terized system for ... scenery in its Lyttelton ...e is still not working. ...fficials responsible are ...ering scrapping the ...tem and installing a new ...

...hanical difficulties have ... the National. In its ... auditorium, the Olivier ...e, the stage revolve still ...ot turn properly, and the ...terized flying system for ...g scenery remains only ... operational.

... National was designed ...at scenery could be ...d swiftly and easily ... an evening. But it has ...rely on manual labour, ... a expense.

...nsibility for the stage ...ent lies with the South ... Theatre Board, which was ...ed by the Government ...d and equip the theatre.

Mark Harrison, the ... secretary, said the ...n flying system, ...ed to lift one set of ...y off the stage and ...e it with another almost ... touch of a button, was ...ed in 1970-72. It had run ...uch technical difficulties ... they had decided to ...n the system.

...ipment available now was ...powerful and reliable and cheaper. The board would probably consider at its meeting early next month installing a new system, which would cost a six-figure sum.

"It would not be sensible to spend the amount of money we would have to spend finishing something that is 10 years out of date. It might cost more, but it would be sensible to put in something better."

He suggested that the work could be staged, with the board paying part of the cost and the National meeting the rest when it had the resources.

In the Olivier Theatre the drum revolve appears little nearer completion than it was two years ago, when Mr Harrison said it was "broadly speaking finished".

He said last week that the revolve was mechanically and electrically complete, but certain matters had to be resolved. "It may be quite a time before it is brought into use." The power flying system in the Olivier was in partial use; he thought it would be fully operational in another year.

Relations between the board and the staff of the National are not easy and the theatre last week refused to comment on the present position.

Many people at the National have been angered by the optimistic statements that have emanated from the board while the delays have lengthened from months into years.

...r tax reform could aid ...cond-hand tricksters

...bin Young ...mer Affairs ...pondent

... National Consumer ...l fears that government ...sals to stop the evasion ...hicle excise duty, esti- ... to cost £75m a year in ...ax on cars, may make it ...sible to stop second- ... car dealers cheating ...ners of a similar sum.

... council believes that the ...nment's proposal to make ...s of motor vehicles pay ...n them even when they ...or in use would make it ...sible to use records at ...ehicle Licensing Centre at ...ea to stop the practice of "clocking" second-hand cars by winding back the odometers, which record the milage, as has been proposed.

The abuse has caused concern to the Office of Fair Trading, which believes it is used to rob purchasers of second-hand cars of tens of millions of pounds each year.

Suggestions to check the abuse have included recording milage when the tax disc is renewed, which at present could be done each time the car is off the road.

The Council says it is unjust that people should not be able to apply for exemption from excise duty if their vehicle is laid up for less than a year.

HOME NEWS

Welshman makes first British solo ascent of the Eiger north wall

By Ronald Faux

Mr Eric Jones, of Tremadoc, North Wales, has become the first British mountaineer to climb the north wall of the Eiger alone. He completed his ascent last week after spending three days and two nights on the face, which is acknowledged to be one of the most treacherous in the Alps.

Mr Jones, aged 43, is the most notable climber among the small group of British mountaineers who attempt the hardest Alpine routes alone and without any of the protection that reduces risk.

Among his many solo climbs have been the first British ascent of the Matterhorn north wall, the first ascent of the Brouillard central pillar on Mont Blanc and the second solo of the Bonatti pillar, on the Chamonix Aiguilles.

"The climb on the Eiger was something I had been dreaming about for five years, but whenever I was out there the conditions were not right", he said. This year, although conditions were far from ideal, a forecast of several days of stable weather persuaded him to set off up the 5,900ft face.

On the first afternoon he reached the tiny area known as the Swallow's Nest, below the steep rise of the second ice field. He bivouacked there before setting out across the 55-degree ice slope. The weather held fine but the rock pitches were covered with ice.

That reduced the barrage of stone fall for which the Eiger is infamous, but increased the technical difficulty of the climb. In such conditions a solo mountaineer balances his life on the points of his crampons, the steel spikes that hold the boot to the icy mountain wall.

Mr Eric Jones: Conqueror of a treacherous face.

The ascent took 20 hours' climbing time, during which a number of stone falls went over his head. The ramp leading to the Traverse of the Gods, normally a reasonable rock pitch, was full of ice and "quite difficult", Mr Jones said with understatement. He spent his second night there.

At one point the ice was so hard that it was difficult to make an impression on it with his axe. Adhesion to the mountain seemed so slight, he said, that he continued in a state of consciousness beyond the awareness of fear.

A colleague watching the climb said that it had been greeted as a great achievement, although it had been terrifying to watch.

The first solo ascent of the Eiger north wall was made by M Michel Darbellay, a Swiss guide, in 1963. It has seldom been repeated.

Irish hotels that host police talks threatened

From Christopher Thomas
Belfast

The Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) threatened on Saturday to bomb hotels it said had been used for meetings between police from both sides of the Northern Ireland border.

The group said that two meetings had taken place between members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Gardai in the Hope Arms, Castleblaney, co Monaghan. The hotel has received a direct threat.

Another threatened hotel, the County Monaghan, about four miles inside the Irish Republic denied that joint police meetings had taken place there. The INLA said its threat would be withdrawn if hoteliers publicly announced that facilities for security forces would not be provided and that meetings had taken place without their knowledge.

The Ortine Hotel, in Lisnaskea, co Fermanagh, about 15 miles inside Northern Ireland, was severely damaged by an incendiary bomb on Saturday night, soon after the group issued its statement. Three armed and masked men planted two devices, one of which exploded an hour later. The hotel had been evacuated and no one was injured.

No organization had claimed responsibility for that attack last night, but the INLA claimed responsibility for bombing a British customs post on the border and for abducting an English hitch-hiker in Castleblaney whom they suspected of being a member of the security forces. He was released unharmed.

The left-wing INLA has links with the Provisional IRA, especially in the exchange of weapons, but there is not a close ideological link.

London alert for Welsh bomb attacks

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard has urged a number of London police stations to tighten security after indications that Welsh extremists might be planning fire bomb attacks in the capital.

Gloucestershire police claim to have found what is alleged to be a list of targets, which included the headquarters of the BBC and the British Council, when they questioned two men near Cirencester.

Attacks by extremists have so far been limited to Wales, and mostly on holiday homes.

Transmitter installations in the West Country are still on security alert, despite the Government's agreement last Wednesday to increased Welsh language broadcasting.

It abandoned plans to split Welsh programmes between two television channels and will instead give the new fourth channel completely over to the Welsh language as promised in the Conservative Party manifesto.

The change was greeted as a victory by nationalists, but there was disappointment that the Government had not given way on all points such as an earlier start to the fourth channel in Wales than in England

Two questioned after hunt ends in siege

By Our Crime Reporter

Two men wanted in connexion with four killings in London were yesterday being question by detectives after surrendering at the end of a short siege on Saturday. Other people are also being questioned about how the men evaded a police search for more than a week.

Mr James Anderson, aged 25, and Mr Michael Jamieson, aged 23, both of east London, gave themselves up after police trapped them in a small house in Cecil Road, Plaistow, London. A shot was fired but no one was injured.

The men were wanted for questioning by the police in connexion with the killing of Mr and Mrs Joseph Herbert, both in their 70s, at their home in New Barn Street, Plaistow, nearly four weeks ago.

They were also wanted for questioning in connexion with the wounding of a man during a robbery at a post office in Katherine Road, Newham, east London, and the shooting of Mr Nathan Taylor, aged 72, and Mr Leonard Mintz, aged 59, in their shoe shop in west London last Wednesday.

Police seek a third man in £1.5m London jewel raid

By Our Crime Reporter

A third man is being sought in connexion with the £1.5m jewelry robbery in Brompton Road, west London, two weeks ago, in which the Marlborough diamond was taken.

Police believe the man may have been the driver of a car in which the robbers escaped.

Two men were held in Chicago 11 hours after the robbery as they stepped off a flight from Heathrow. The men are being detained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation charged with conspiring to carry out the raid in London.

Scotland Yard began a search in London for a third man after an eye-witness came forward with a new description of a man seen parking what police believe to have been the robbers' hire car in Victoria.

He is described as aged 35, 5ft 10in tall and wearing a beige jacket and trousers

Mr Boyson undecided over introduction of US-style student loan schemes

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, has returned from a two-week tour of the United States favourably impressed with the operation of student loan schemes there, but still undecided whether to introduce a similar scheme in Britain.

After talking to private and state universities, banks, state and government officials, students, auditors and politicians in California, Texas, Utah and Washington, DC, Mr Boyson said: "All I can say is that if people want to do it, it is workable. But I have not made up my mind whether we do want to do it."

He estimates that about a third of American students are on loans, mostly in combination with grants and government-sponsored work-study programmes. Contrary to rumour, few students, particularly those on degree courses, default on repayment, he said.

He estimated that the default rate over all types of tertiary education institutions is about 10 per cent; but for some colleges, such as the Stanford Business School and Utah State University, fewer than 2 per

Mr Rhodes Boyson: "Few default on repayment."

cent of students failed to repay their loans within the time specified, usually about 10 years after graduation.

There are two main types of loan schemes in the States: one run by private banks or special loan-fund organizations, backed by government guarantees; and the other run by the institutions themselves with money provided by the federal Government.

Interest rates are between 3 and 7 per cent, though Congress voted last week to increase that to 5 and 9 per cent.

In most states there are no exemptions from repayment for certain types of graduates such as the unemployed, those on low pay or spouses without jobs. Yet, Mr Boyson said, loans do not seem to deter members of minorities or disadvantaged groups from going to university.

As to the other objection which is often raised to student loan schemes, the cost of administration, Mr Boyson said the schemes that he examined did not seem to be excessively expensive to run.

Mr Boyson plans to go to Sweden to study loan schemes there. He hopes that his findings can be incorporated into the report of the departmental working party on student loans, which is expected by the end of this year.

He has not decided whether to publish the results of that working party but promised that there would be public consultation before the Government took any decision.

The National Union of Students is strongly opposed to the introduction of loans.

Head teachers accused over strike-breaking scheme

By Our Education Correspondent

A teachers' union has accused the National Association of Head Teachers of "gutless treachery" for advising its members to seek to counteract the effects on schools of strikes and other industrial action taken by classroom teachers.

The association, which represents two thirds of head teachers, last week issued a 16-page circular to members giving advice on how to cope with what it sees as growing industrial conflict in schools.

It suggests, for example, that where teachers refuse to take over classes from absent colleagues in protest against spending cuts and unemployment, a head would be right to carry out local authority instructions and order teachers to cover for the absences.

The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers says in a statement today that it is appalled

"How else are we going to protect our jobs and the education service from the ravages of public expenditure cuts without being militant?", Mr Nigel de Gruchy, the union's assistant secretary, asked.

"We have protected head teachers' as well as assistant teachers' jobs and salaries by taking industrial action. We can stomach pacificists but traitors are a different breed.

Appeal for young people on film censorship boards

By Our Political Staff

A call for young people to be represented on any revised film censorship board is made today in a report to the Home Secretary by a group of Young Conservatives.

Generally supporting proposals for a statutory board to replace censorship functions exercised by local authorities, as recommended by the report of the Committee on obscenity and Film Censorship the group suggested the board should have two members from the film industry; three from local authority associations; four appointed by the Home Secretary from interested bodies (such as the Festival of Light); and three aged under 25 years.

WEST EUROPE

French delegates at Bordeaux praise Mrs Thatcher's declaration of European faith

From Charles Hargrove
Bordeaux, Sept 21

Perhaps the most successful and certainly the highest level, conference organized by the Franco-British council since it was created by the two governments in 1972—to promote understanding and cooperation between the two countries—has just ended in Bordeaux.

It was the highest level conference, in being addressed by both Prime Ministers at an opening dinner on Friday night; and in the quality and number of the delegates on both sides.

It was the most successful conference in the breadth of topics it covered and in the number of practical concrete proposals to increase mutual understanding which were put forward.

No doubt the influence of Bordeaux, which remained English until the late Middle Ages and is still marginally closer to Britain than any other French city, had something to do with it, as did the euphoric atmosphere created by Bordeaux wines.

But more important was the fact that the Franco-British summit in Paris which immediately preceded it had shown, in Mrs Margaret Thatcher's words, that "the entente cordiale was in good heart.

The warmth and conviction that Mrs Thatcher put into Britain's European commitment in her speech on Friday were unanimously praised. The French delegates noted that seldom, if ever, had she made such a strong declaration of European faith.

By contrast, M Raymond Barre, the French Prime Minister, struck a rather discordant note. His reference to Franco-German relations seemed a little inappropriate in the circumstances, and he was quite adamant in saying that France was condemned to "maintain what has been called Community achievements, and among them the common agricultural policy".

He went on: "We are of course ready to study improvements, but will remain intransigent on the fundamental principles."

Great interest was roused among the delegates by Mrs Thatcher's suggestion on Friday that Britain was prepared at any time to "develop fuller and closer defence cooperation with France" and to increase joint arms production schemes.

This met with a certain degree of scepticism among the French delegates, who said that Britain's main nuclear options had been decided with the choice of the Poseidon missile.

But according to informed sources, Mrs Thatcher was taking up the hint frequently dropped in Paris that Britain was not prepared to cooperate in defence matters; and though there is no question of her going back on her commitments to Nato there would be room for working with France on the patrolling and targeting of both countries' nuclear submarine force.

M Geoffrol de Courcel, a French co-chairman of the Franco-British council, said yesterday that if Franco-German relations appeared closer it was because they appealed to "cold realism rather than sentiment". But on all fundamental problems France and Britain "have the same preoccupation".

The conference did useful work in singling out the real differences of approach and the conflict of interest between two countries.

For instance, it was quite obvious that the French participants generally still had misgivings about the so-called "special relationship" between Britain and the United States, although several British speakers insisted that is was for all practical purposes a thing of the past.

The conference also drew up a useful checklist of concrete ways in which France and Britain could cooperate better. These were particularly striking in the economic and industrial fields, and in communications, culture and the arts.

The committee on economic affairs suggested, for instance, that a special group should be set up between the confederation of British Industry and the Patronat to examine ways of improving the flow of investment in both countries, especially in the manufacturing and new technology sectors.

Another suggestion was that the two countries should consider joint marketing and that another special committee should be set up to exchange information and experience on industrial redeployment.

The national research programmes might also be better coordinated.

The French participants were surprised to find the British suggesting that frequent meetings should take place between ministers and officials on the pattern of the Franco-German consultations. They had some doubts about their effectiveness.

But it was cogently argued that if ministers were forced to meet more frequently and officially they would make a greater effort to agree.

British Premier's visit to Acropolis will illustrate benefits of North Sea oil

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Sept 21

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's official visit to Athens which starts tomorrow is the culmination of methodical British efforts this year to stimulate better relations and more trade with Greece.

The emphasis is on trade, of course, in the absence of any more serious political issues between the two countries since the problem of Cyprus has moved to other spheres.

Mrs Thatcher's visit, at the invitation of her Greek counterpart, Mr George Rallis, is the first by a British premier in 22 years and perhaps the first in circumstances free from crises.

A visit to the Acropolis is *de rigueur* and it will give Mrs Thatcher a chance to appreciate how she could help to lessen the ravages of air pollution on the ancient marbles by enabling the Athenians to heat their homes on North Sea oil which has a low sulphur content.

A preliminary agreement has been reached for the sale of 500,000 tons a year to Greece but this is the carrot in a package which offers Greece two British-built coal fired power stations of 350 megawatts each as well as the long term supply of coal to fuel them.

Unless Greece buys the power stations which cost £150m each the oil deal is unlikely.

Mrs Thatcher will certainly bring up the subject during her talks here, but what is making the Greek Government nervous is the opposition's broadsides over state purchases in the absence of international tenders at prices that represent, in the words of one newspaper, "a gift of 5,000m drachmas (£50m) to Mrs Thatcher".

She is not likely to conceal from her Greek colleagues Britain's disappointment that the Greek navy order for two frigates went to Dutch rather than British shipyards.

Mrs Thatcher would be very pleased, for instance, if the Greeks made up their mind about the £100m-£150m project to build in Greece the Vickers battle tank under licence, or the contract for the production of the Firecracker training aircraft in cooperation with the Hellenic Aircraft Industry.

There is also a strong British interest in public projects such as the modernization of the Greek railways, the construction of the new Athens airport and a large petrochemical complex. Otherwise there will be the usual *tour d'horizon* of international affairs and a discussion of Greece's forthcoming entry into the EEC.

Crusaders down arms for prayers

From Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent
Apelern, Sept 21

Forty British soldiers laid down their arms for half an hour here today and prayed for peace in the world. Their altar was a bale of hay, their church an open field beside the sixteenth century castle of the present Baron von Munchhausen, whose private trout stream, not quite as well stocked as it was several days ago, bubbled near by.

For Padre Brian Pugh, deputy assistant Chaplain General with the First Armoured Division, it was the fifth field service in 24 hours for troops taking part in the Crusader 80 exercise.

An anti-tank helicopter clattered overhead as the soldiers, their rifles on the grass beside them, sang *The Lord is My Shepherd* from the army prayer book.

The padre, wearing a red stole over his combat dress to denote the feast of St Matthew, read from the Sermon on the Mount and told soldiers that his personal armour was the Cross.

The original Crusaders also used it, emblazoned on their shields, although the padre made it clear that he did not entirely approve of those eleventh century warriors who had inadvertently given the exercise its name.

A total of 18 chaplains are with the troops on Crusader, ministering to the injured

This would be one of their most important tasks in wartime but they have had relatively little to do, in this respect at least, during the present exercise.

So far two German civilians and one soldier have been killed in road accidents while 10 others, including an American, have been seriously injured.

Although the total number of accidents now stands at 152 most of these have been quite minor and the army is satisfied that the figure is well below what might have been expected.

The most unusual mishap so far reported is said to have occurred at a level crossing near here when an armoured troop carrier pulled up in front of a Mercedes car and a horse and cart. The army vehicle backfired, the horse reared—and came down on top of the Mercedes.

The German driver got out to inspect the damage, tying his dog to the crossing gates. The gates suddenly lifted threatening the dog with an unplanned lynching. But it was rescued by the crew of the troop carrier.

Basques hurt in shooting

Durango, Sept 21. — Right-wing terrorists, apparently taking revenge for four Civil Guards murdered barely 12 hours earlier, wounded four Basques early today in an indiscriminate shooting spree along a crowded main street.

Police said that the gunmen fired left and right from the windows of their car as they drove down a popular café street, aiming about 3ft above the ground at anyone within range.

The neo-fascist Spanish-Basque Battalion claimed responsibility for the shooting in telephone calls to Basque newspapers.

The attack came after gunmen, believed to belong to the separatist organization ETA, shot dead four members of the Civil Guard in a café in the town of Mazquita, 18 miles from Durango. The attack raised the death toll from domestic political violence in Spain this year to 91.—UPI.

M Gérard d'Aboville in his rowing-boat, designed on Eskimo kayak lines, completing the Atlantic crossing off Ushant before he was picked up by a French naval ship.

Record Atlantic row by Frenchman

From Ian Murray
Paris, Sept 21

With a cigar in his mouth and a smile on his lips M Gérard d'Aboville rowed his yellow and black boat, the Capitaine Cook, into Brest harbour this morning at the end of a 73-day solo crossing of the Atlantic. The 5,200 kilometres (3,250 miles) he covered from Cape Cod represents the longest recorded row by one man.

M d'Aboville was inspired to make the journey after reading the account of the 92-day transatlantic row by Captain John Ridgeway and Sergeant Chay Blyth in 1966. He was convinced that their boat had been too heavy, too unwieldy and insufficiently adapted for the journey.

Two years ago he obtained sponsorship for the attempt from a canned goods manufacturer and set about building the Capitaine Cook to his own design, based on an Eskimo kayak. Its seaworthiness was proved at the start of the crossing when the boat was turned over several times in storms.

He took enough provisions for three months with him, mainly tinned tuna and mackerel, as well as 250 litres of water and 50 litres of wine — which did not travel well and soon went sour. To ward off the loneliness of the long-distance rower he took a selection of books, which he quickly finished, and a radio transmitter-receiver, powered by a solar battery which just about lasted the journey.

He set out from Cape Cod on July 10 and rowed at a steady rate of between 12 and 15 hours a day for the journey. On September 5 he celebrated his thirty-fifth birthday on board, in the knowledge that he was on target for his record-breaking journey.

Marxism versus the status quo

Party passions revolve round the old fears

From Roger Berthoud
Hamburg, Sept 21

Both sides are playing on old fears in this election campaign and the past is very much present. The Christian Democrats (CDU), trying to wrest power back from the Social Democrats after 11 years in opposition, play principally on fears of creeping Marxism, of the Soviet Union, of political violence and of a currency allegedly threatened by government spending.

The Social Democrats, on the defensive because they are in power but expected to win, play on fears aroused by the personality and past of Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the opposition candidate, and on fears of change.

In Rendsburg, Schleswig-Holstein, on Friday, Herr Strauss described Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor, as the leading employee of the Marxist troika of Herr Herbert Wehner, the SPD's parliamentary leader, Herr Egon Bahr, its general secretary, and Herr Brandt, the former Chancellor and its chairman.

Two hours later, about 50 miles away, two thirds of the troika, Herr Brandt and Herr Bahr, attacked Herr Strauss in Heide.

Herr Brandt still speaks with real passion. SPD supporters must not take victory for granted, he said. The first thing to ensure was that Herr Schmidt remained Chancellor, the next to make the SPD (since 1969 in coalition with the Free Democrats) the strongest party in the Bundestag.

Then he waded into Herr Strauss (waving a mock high value Deutschmark note put about by Strauss supporters and designed to arouse memories of hyper-inflation between the wars).

Anyone who played so cynically with the national currency hurt national interest, he said. Currency reserves were the highest in the world and anyone who said pensions had gone down when they had risen signed against the truth. Anyone who called Herr Schmidt a war chancellor and said he was ready to be treated for a nervous breakdown was himself dangerously out of control.

Herr Brandt remains one of the few Social Democrats who appeals to idealism, idealism, youthful or otherwise. He pleaded, to applause, for more money to be spent on fighting world hunger, less on arms; for more tolerance towards foreign workers and political refugees.

He advocated a balance between the interests of the economy and of ecology—a gesture towards those tempted to vote for the Green Party.

Yet just how out of touch the SPD has become with youth was evident next day when Herr Brandt joined a panel facing several hundred young people in a converted munitions factory in a Hamburg suburb. Another panel member, Herr Klaus Staeck, a brilliant graphic artist, had the mood of the audience better than Herr Brandt.

The tone of the questions was typical. Why was the SPD's slogan "Security for Germany" and not, as in his day—"We

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will Create a New Germany"—Herr Brandt was asked. What had happened to talk of reform? Why was the emphasis on keeping the status quo?

The United States had done much for the country but did they not support many dictatorships, and must they alone decide that nuclear weapons should first be used in Europe? Why had the SPD allowed measures to be taken against radicals in the public service?

Why had its policy on the media here been so inadequate? Why so much emphasis on defence? Why had homosexuals who had been in Nazi concentration camps not been compensated?

Herr Brandt did his best to defend the government and it was clear the young preferred him to Herr Schmidt. The main point of contact was dislike of Herr Strauss who was described by Herr Brandt as a rabble rouser drawing on fateful traditions of the German Reich.

It was not that he was a fascist, said Herr Staeck, but rather that he would create a climate in which the carpenter of a block of flats would denounce tenants who annoyed him to the police.

Herr Strauss, the SPD evidently hopes, will divide the CDU's supporters and unite and mobilize their own.

Herr Schmidt campaigns in opposition stronghold

From Patricia Clough
Coburg, Sept 21

The West German Chancellor's voice rose in a passionate crescendo. "And I am proud", he cries, "that my friend Giscard and I have managed to get the dialogue between the United States and the Soviet Union going again."

Across Bavaria, in sophisticated Munich and deeply conservative Passau, industrial Weiden and sleepy Coburg, his words bring a storm of cheers and applause.

This is the high point of Herr Helmut Schmidt's campaign speech. He starts cautiously, slowly. The world situation is grave, peace is in danger. Peace must be preserved especially in Europe, where the Germans would suffer first and worst in a conflict.

He defends the Government's *Ostpolitik*, its efforts for better relations with its neighbour, the Helsinki Conference, striving for better contacts between East and West Germany.

He recalls that Herr Franz Josef Strauss, his challenger, opposed the treaties with Eastern European countries and the Helsinki Conference. Herr Strauss's policies, Herr Schmidt says, are nonsense, they are dangerous.

The Chancellor was in the depths of the Opposition stronghold of Bavaria, where Herr Strauss's Christian Social Union (CSU) has an envied 60 per cent of the vote and the Social Democrats (SPD) only just over half that much.

The Chancellor came to convince, not to conquer.

Strike hits rail links with West Berlin

From Gretel Spitzer
Berlin, Sept 21

Apart from allied trains rail traffic between West Berlin and West Germany came to a complete standstill this weekend after striking railwaymen occupied the signal boxes at the Zoo and other stations in West Berlin. The East German railway police failed to remove them last night after trying to break into the Zoo signal-box by force.

The strikers employed by the East German Reichsbahn state railways, are demanding an independent trade union and better pay and conditions.

An East German promise to divert through-traffic round the city to East Berlin via the Outer Ring was not kept. Berlin-bound trains were stopped, after entering East German territory, and travellers to West Berlin were taken back to West Germany.

The British military train due to leave Berlin this morning was eventually cancelled by the British authorities when after hours of waiting no locomotive arrived. Other allied trains have as yet not been affected by the strike.

Strike committee spokesmen said that the strikers were not at present interrupting allied traffic, although they might have to if the Reichsbahn continued to refuse negotiations. This morning's cancellation they said, was due to the Reichsbahn's failure to send a locomotive from East Berlin.

Although the Reichsbahn highest official in West Berlin offered his good offices today to get workers and management to the negotiating table, there has been no sign that East Berlin will agree to such talks. The East German news agency ADN rode continued its sharp attacks on the strikers, calling them terrorists and claiming that they enjoyed the protection of the West Berlin police.

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ormer Turkish Navy commander ecomes Prime Minister s martial law is tightened

Sinan Fisek
ra, Sept 21

Bulent Ulusu, a retired al and formerly com- er-in-chief of the Turkish was asked over the week- to form a new civilian ment which was promi- st Tuesday by the new of state, General Kenan

Ulusu, who retired barely nth before the coup of mber 12, chose the mem f his Cabinet mainly from crats, retired generals dependent senators.

re were seven former s, other than Mr Ulusu, e 26-man government included personalities ad occupied ministerial in former "interim" ts.

Minister of Foreign is Mr Ilter Turkmen, a diplomat and former sador in Athens, Moscow the United Nations, who vas as one of the Bright- plomats of the Turkish n ministry.

Defence Minister is Mr Haluk Bayulken. He is former diplomat who, in and distinguished career, ed the Foreign Minister's headed the now defunct l Treaty Organization (Cento) and was Secretary General of the Turkish Presidency under former President Fahri Koruturk.

Mr Ulusu, aged 57, is known to have had a brilliant career in the Navy from his very beginnings when he finished top of his class both at the Naval School and at the Naval War Academy. He had been expected to become Turkish Ambassador in Rome after he retired on August 9.

The Government list was announced on the same day that the official gazette published the first law to be enacted by the ruling five-man National Security Council, amending the legislation on martial law which is in force throughout Turkey.

The new law gives very extensive powers to the martial law commanders, including surveillance of mail and communications, censorship of the press and control of all union and labour activities.

The new legislation is particularly harsh with journalists in saying that people who "intentionally propagate erroneous, unfounded or exaggerated information in a manner to create alarm or excitement among the public" will be jailed from six months to two years.

If the offence has been committed "in concordance with a foreigner", the sentence will not be for less than a year and if it has been committed by way of the media the sentence will be doubled.

The law also says that the period of detention before arrest will not be for more than 30 days, that fines will not replace jail sentences and that sentences of up to three years will not be eligible for appeal.

The following is the list of the new Cabinet. It is preceded by the members of the National Security Council:

National Security Council members: General Kenan Evren, Chief of Staff (Chairman); General Nurettin Ersin, Army Commander; General Tahsin Sahinkaya, Air Force Commander; General Sedat Celasun, Gendarmerie Commander; Admiral Nejat Tuner, Navy Commander; General Haydar Saltik is Secretary-General of the council.

Prime Minister: Bulent Ulusu.

Deputy Prime Ministers: Turgut Ozal and Zeyyat Baykara.

Ministers of State: Ihsan Ortrak, Mehmet Ozgunes and Mehmet Nimet Sadak.

Justice: Cevdet Mentes. Defence: Haluk Bayulken. Interior: Salahattin Celiker. Foreign Affairs: Ilter Turkmen. Finance: Kaya Erdem. National Education: Hasan Saglam.

Trade: Kemal Canturk. Health: Necmi Aydoglu. Customs and Monopoly: Recai Baturalp. Agriculture and Forestry: Sabahattin Cabek. Transport: Necdal Ozgur. Labour: Turhan Esener. Industry: Sahap Kocaloglu. Energy and Natural Resources: Sertunyar Bangil. Tourism and Information: Ihsan Evliyaoglu. Rural Affairs and Cooperatives: Munir Guney. Youth and Sports: Vecdi Oztul. Social Security: Halik Sidki. Housing and Settlement: Serif Tuten. Culture: Cihat Baban. Public Works: Tahsin Ozalp.

Pilgrims kneel at the church in Czestochowa.

Church cautions Poles to consolidate their gains

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to allow religious instruction in state schools.

Traditionally in times of crisis the Church has played a moderating and restraining role and has chosen quiet times to press its demands. The Polish Primate, Cardinal Wyszinski, counselled moderation during the present crisis and thus helped the authorities to settle the conflict with the workers by political compromise.

The role played by the Catholic intelligentsia in recent events has also kept to the tradition. Their advice to the strikers as well as to the newly founded independent unions has been to restrict themselves to union activity. Unlike some of the dissidents, who want the movement to exercise real influence on political life, the Church has advised restraint and would like to see the present labour unrest come to an end.

Church influence on the workers is strong. At last week's meeting of the coordinating committee of the new trade unions, Mr Walesa declared that as long as he is the union chairman in Gdansk, the crucifix will hang on the wall.

New Soviet propaganda attack over Poland

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Sept 21

The Russians returned to the propaganda offensive over Poland this weekend with what appear to be deliberately alarmist accusations that the West was plotting to undermine communism in the country and break Poland's ties with the Warsaw Pact.

An authoritative commentary in *Pravda* said Nato had set up a special task force to study the situation in Poland which was already preparing for action. The paper also spoke of a "massive anti-Polish campaign" launched by revenge-seeking elements in West Germany who were using Nazi methods and propaganda to stir up unrest.

The commentary, carried in full by Tass, was signed with the same pseudonym as the ominous expression of Soviet anger when Warsaw agreed to the setting up of independent trade unions. It repeated the same vague but chilling accusations of outside forces trying to overthrow communism, which intentionally recalled Soviet propaganda before the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Pravda said that just when the Polish Communist Party was making an effort to bring things back to normal in the country, anti-communist forces had stepped up their "instigatory and subversive" activities. These included not only foreign radio broadcasts to Poland, but efforts by overseas centres of subversion and propaganda to stir up feelings against the communist system.

These unsolicited champions of Polish sovereignty, the paper went on, were interfering in Poland's internal affairs. Behind the verbiage about rights and freedom their true aim was clear: "to provoke demonstrations designed to inflict maximum damage to the social system of Poland, to weaken its ties with fraternal states of the socialist community and to cast aspersions on its international authority."

Pravda singled out American and Western foundations which it accused of financing anti-government activities.

Pravda also accused the American trade union movement, with the support of President Carter, of similar activities.

Significantly the Russians have renewed their psychological offensive against the concessions to the Polish strikers at a time when one of the main concessions, the broadcasting of the Roman Catholic Mass on the state radio, is being put into effect.

Warhead mystery in missile explosion

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Sept 21

Investigations into the explosion of the Titan 2 missile in Arkansas on Friday have already begun on the spot, and will continue there, in the Defence Department and in Congress. There will undoubtedly be Congressional hearings into what happened and into the continuing utility of the missile.

The Government still refuses to say where or not there was a nuclear warhead on the missile when it blew up. Some newspapers, including the *Washington Post*, report flatly that there was a warhead, an eight-megaton hydrogen bomb, and that it was blown clear of the silo and landed intact 200ft away.

The newspaper gives no source for the story. Other papers are less specific, but all of them are most dubious about the Air Force's refusal to discuss the matter.

The *Washington Post's* story seems, on the face of it, to be unlikely: the missile in its silo was covered by a concrete lid weighing 750 tons which was destroyed by the blast. It does not seem plausible that a warhead could have survived the explosion and then been ejected through the débris.

Officials insist that there has been no leak of radioactivity. On Friday afternoon, the Secretary of the Air Force told reporters here that about 20 men had been injured, one of them seriously. It turned out later that day that one man had been killed and a second seriously injured, so Government assurances are not being accepted blindly.

Their most critical assurance is that the warhead could not explode by accident. The Secretary, Mr Hans Mark, said that the accident was, in effect a "worst case" accident. Assuming that there was a warhead the accident was a graphic demonstration that safety precautions are good.

The Air Force says that warheads explode after a series of steps have been taken to arm them, the last of which takes place while the missile is in flight. There is a danger, however, that the warhead might break open, spreading plutonium around the site. This happened once when an aircraft crashed.

It did not happen on Friday. However, the possibility worries people. The one that exploded was in a remote part of Arkansas. Others are much closer to towns, and people living near the 52 or 53 remaining Titans are understandably nervous.

The Titan was put into service in the early 1960s, and was the first American intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). The Air Force claims that those remaining are effective weapons, that they could reach Russia and hit whatever target they were aimed at. They are no longer America's main ICBM's however, having been superseded by the Minutemen.

Titans have liquid fuel, which is highly dangerous. It explodes when mixed with oxygen. Minutemen have solid fuel and are therefore much safer. There was a suggestion that the Titans should be scrapped as part of the Salt Treaty (signed in 1972).

Many killed as monsoon creates havoc in India

Delhi, Sept 21.—Monsoon floods in the eastern coastal state of Orissa, which have already taken a heavy toll of life and property during the past four days, are expected to peak early tomorrow, according to reports reaching here this evening.

The official death toll is put at 203, but press reports today claimed that as many as 1,000 people had been killed.

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, was in touch with Mr J. B. Patnaik, the state's Chief Minister, who told her that there was no danger to the Hirakud dam, the world's longest, on the Mahanadi river and that the reservoir was being kept below danger level.

A few hours later, Mrs Gandhi released 500,000 rupees (about £25,000) from the national relief fund for Orissa flood victims.

Food and medicines were being dropped by air to worst hit towns. The newspaper *Pouring* said today that in Gunupur only 70 of the town's 3,000 houses had survived the fury of flood waters from the *Vamsadhara river*.

The death toll in Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh, adjoining Orissa's Koraput district—also flooded by the Vamsadhara—rose to 40 today, with reports of at least 150,000 being made homeless. Uttar Pradesh state, which also faces another spell of serious floods, has had 75 people killed in heavy rains over the past three days.

In Orissa reports quote an eyewitness as saying "tens of thousands of people are surrounded by flood water and the level is rising rapidly".—Agence France-Presse.

eading player absent om election debate

Patrick Brogan
gton, Sept 21

televised debates between ates for the presidency Baltimore this evening, e principal player miss- President Carter has l to attend because the of Women Voters, is organizing the affair, ited Mr John Anderson part.

Carter claims that Mr on has no right to be because he cannot win the election. In is absent because to on the same platform as derson would bolster the credibility and win him t Mr Carter's expense.

e will be no empty chair. illy symbol was desired other two participants, s been rejected by the So Mr Reagan and Mr on will be alone on the m with half a dozen rs and the television s. Two of the three Net- are broadcasting the le live.

previous presidential were in 1960, between resident Richard Nixon nator John Kennedy, and in 1976, between President Ford and Mr Carter. Mr Kennedy was thought to have "won" the debate in 1960, because he looked young, charismatic and "presidential".

Mr Nixon never debated again. In 1976, President Ford was far behind Mr Carter in the opinion polls when he agreed to appear before the league. In the event, it probably did him more harm than good. The two candidates appeared equally wooden, which was to the incumbent President's disadvantage. The event raised the challenger to the President's level.

This is what Mr Carter wants to avoid this year at all costs. Mr Anderson has only to pick up 10 or 15 per cent of the vote in New York, Ohio or Pennsylvania, or perhaps even as little as 5 per cent in one of those states, to cost Mr Carter the election.

Therefore he has broken his promise to the league and, despite all his promises never to lie to the American people, insists in public that he refuses because the American people want a debate between the two main contenders alone, not one between him and "two Republicans".

Soldier who defected to go home

Washington, Sept 21.—A young Soviet soldier who took refuge last week in the United States Embassy in Kabul left this evening with Mr Fikryat Tabeev, the Soviet ambassador, after "freely" deciding he wanted to go home, the State Department said.

The department said Private Aleksandr Cruglov left the embassy after talking to Mr Tabeev for an hour and 50 minutes in the presence of American diplomats.

It released the English translation of a note handwritten by Private Cruglov before he departed. "I assure you that I have voluntarily left the USA embassy. I entered the embassy voluntarily", it said. "I assure you that my decision about voluntary departure from the USA embassy was not made under any kind of pressure."

Mr Tabeev assured the soldier and American officials that Private Cruglov would be able to leave the Soviet army and continue his technical training without penalties.

Private Cruglov, one of an estimated 85,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan since the Soviet invasion last December, raced past a token Afghan police guard and into the embassy last Monday.

A stalemate ensued with Afghan police searching American cars leaving the embassy compound and American diplomats refusing to submit to the searches. The State Department said embassy officials, helped by a Russian-speaking member of the United States embassy in Moscow, made "extensive efforts to assure that Cruglov fully understood the options available to him.

"This included our willingness to allow him to remain in the embassy as long as he chose to do so", a statement said.—UPI.

Sanjay mausoleum

Delhi, Sept 21.—A white marble mausoleum will be constructed on the place where Sanjay Gandhi, son of the Indian Prime Minister, was cremated.

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ow, Sept 21.—Two Lith- human rights campaign- ave been sentenced to in Labour camps and l exile for anti-Soviet according to dissidents. said Antanas Terleckas tenced to three years in r camp and five years' l exile, and Julius Sas- received 18 months' labour and five years' l exile.

sources said Mr Ter- an economist and histo- d produced underground re. Mr Sasnauskas had d Soviet control in the epublics. Supporters who d outside the court in during the trial were owed in.—Reuter.

Opposition defy criticism ban in Pakistan

Islamabad, Sept 21.—Two leading opposition groups in Pakistan today defied the military Government's ban on criticizing members of the armed forces, calling General Zia ul-Haq unfit to speak at the United Nations on behalf of the world's Muslims.

Miss Benazir Bhutto, daughter of the executed former Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was ousted by General Zia in 1977, said in Karachi that the general was unqualified for the privilege.

The executive of the centrist Tehriq Istiqlal party, in a resolution passed in Lahore last Thursday, said General Zia had denied Pakistanis their basic human rights.—Reuter.

Assad visit to Moscow next month

From Tewfik Mishlawi
Beirut, Sept 21

President Assad of Syria will make a state visit to the Soviet Union in the first half of next month. There are reports that he might sign agreements upgrading the existing relations between the two countries.

News of the visit was first released by Tass, and later confirmed by the official Damascus radio.

Reports from Damascus today said that Libya had transferred $1,000m (£400m) to the Soviet Union to pay for new arms supplies bought by Syria recently. Libya has also transferred a total of $600m to Damascus to support Syria's sagging economy, the reports said. Syrian officials, however, refused to confirm or deny the reports.

The aid would be in line with the plan by President Assad and Colonel Gaddafi to merge their two countries in one single state. The two leaders are due to meet in Damascus soon to work out the details of the plan, which they approved in Tripoli earlier this month.

President Assad's last visit to Moscow was in October last year. Syrian leaders have often said that they planned to introduce a "qualitative improvement" in their relations with the Soviet Union to help restore the balance of power between Syria and Israel.

The Syrians argue that this balance has been seriously disrupted as a result of Egypt's signing of a peace treaty with Israel.

Exactly what form this improvement in Syrian-Soviet relations will take is not known, but recent speculation has said it might be a long-term friendship and cooperation agreement or some form of a joint defence pact.

The Soviet Union is the principal arms supplier for both Syria and Libya. Major-General Mustafa Tlas of Syria is reportedly planning to visit France later this month to buy weapons that will again be financed by Libya. His shopping list is said to include ground-to-air missiles, gunboats and spare parts for Syria's air defences.

Meanwhile, neither Jordan nor Syria has yet denied a Kuwaiti newspaper report that two Syrian Air Force pilots had defected to Jordan and sought political asylum there. The daily Al-Qabas reported yesterday that Jordan had turned down a request by Syria to extradite the pilots, who flew to Jordan in their Soviet MiG-21 jet fighters last Tuesday.

Envoy rescues child

Peking, Sept 21.—Herr Günther Schödel, West German Ambassador to China, saved a Chinese child from drowning at the seaside resort of Beidaihe, the *People's Daily* reported.

han hate grows as Russians dig in for long stay

abul calm by day, tense at night

the first of a series of after a recent visit to istan.

Karan Thapar
Sept 21

ceptive calm and relaxed tension-free atmosphere in Kabul at the moment the day. Although it be denied that tanks armoured personnel s, both stationed at focal in the city and paroli- e streets, not to mention t overhead, are less n than they were six ago, the Soviet authori- e still not confident of y in the capital.

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sequently, Kabul streets pty by 10 pm, an hour curfew, and even taxis rd to find. Fear of Soviet s is still very much t.

ntly, at about 9.15 pm, I was dining at a rest- t in the Sharinau area of a Soviet officer and the former carrying a in his holster and the clutching a sub-machine- alked into the restaurant. officer gave his name as il Fedorovich, and the soldier, who looked no than 18, was introduced sha. The Soviet pair had to sell stolen rations.

They had with them an unwrapped, unlabelled tin of what I was later told was some form of corned beef and certain whitish seeds that they claimed were wheat-germ. In the restaurant, where they stayed until shortly before curfew at 11 pm, they ordered and drank three bottles of beer and sheesh kebabs. The restaurant owner clearly had difficulty in persuading them that there was no market in Kabul for the tinned meat and seeds.

The officer, wearing a Sam Browne belt and with long sideburns, had a single blue star on his epaulette between two thin blue stripes on the epaulette border. The restaurant, which had only three diners, quietened as the Soviet soldiers entered and the only real sound thereafter was the English pop music that they asked to hear. From what I could hear of their conversation with the owner, conducted by the officer in English, they were polite, perhaps even to the point of pleading.

Elsewhere in Kabul, Russian civilians are becoming a familiar sight. They appear to shop and window-gaze without any of the armed escorts I had noticed in March. I was told that they carry guns with them, but in five days I did not see a single armed Russian civilian. As in March, they are still attracted by cosmetics and Western luxury goods, some of which they buy without apparently any understanding of what they are for.

For the Afghan the change in Kabul since the December invasion has been drastic. Business has fallen dramatically, and for certain shopkeepers, such as carpet merchants, large supermarket owners and antique and handicraft dealers, it is virtually non-existent.

The banks in Kabul are full of people lounging on the sofas and chairs escaping the heat outside, while the attendants are frequently absent from their desks and counters, drinking tea or talking. The one-hour lunch break tends to continue interminably.

The Afghans prefer to stay indoors after dark and for them the most enthralling conversation is the latest news or rumour of Soviet defeats. There is, consequently, a well-developed underground network of information, not unlike the Soviet Union's own *Samizdat*, an excellent source of which is, I was told, local taxi drivers, 90 per cent of whom are said to be *Mujahidin* sympathizers.

The Soviet invasion is now having an impact on prices as well. I was told that since January the price of certain items had risen by 50 per cent. Eggs which used to be 3 Afghanis each (about 3p) today sell for at least five. Meat has gone up nearly 50 per cent.

Yet there can be no escape for the Soviet authorities and, in particular, the Soviet Army from the fact that more than 95 per cent of the Afghan population visibly hates their presence.

Unlike March, now the Afghan people do not hide their dislike of the situation and are increasingly willing to talk about the atrocities and stories they have heard. I was frequently asked to tell my friends "outside" about conditions in Afghanistan.

Tekere lawyers may request trial delay and change of judge

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Sept 21

Problems are besetting the lawyers who are to defend Mr Edgar Tekere, the Zimbabwe Cabinet minister whose trial is due to open in the Salisbury High Court tomorrow. He is accused of murdering a white farmer.

Mr Christopher Mercer, his local advocate has withdrawn from the case and there is a problem over fees and expenses. Because of this an application may be made for a postponement of the trial which is fraught with political overtones and is likely to last at least two weeks.

Mr Mercer who represented the Minister of Manpower Planning and Development when he was first charged with the murder of Mr Gerald William Adams in August, withdrew from the case on Thursday but has so far declined to give a reason.

According to local legal sources little or no money is available to pay the defence team which should include Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, and Mr John Joackson, a South African.

Mr Blom-Cooper cannot appear in a Zimbabwe high court before October 15 because of local regulations, and a postponement was planned in any case. When the cash problem was put to Mr Christopher Glaum, the Acting Attorney General, who is leading the prosecution, he said he would not oppose an application for a postponement.

But even if the financial matter is resolved by Monday and the trial begins there may not be sufficient time to brief fresh counsel to replace Mr Mercer. Mr Tekere has so far not applied for state aid.

It is believed that the defence intends asking for Mr Justice Pittman, the trial judge, to stand down and be replaced by a judge from abroad but this is unlikely to be accepted.

Should the trial start as scheduled the state will produce 45 witnesses to give evidence against Mr Tekere and the seven bodyguards accused of shooting Mr Adams. They will be judged by a 12-man jury.

Houses for Zanla men: The first of 3,000 former Zanla guerrillas are due to move into the Chitungwiza African township south of here on October 1. More than 400 newly completed houses have been converted for them.

The remainder of the former liberation forces (about 14,000) will move in as soon as more houses are built. A 6ft fence has been thrown round their "camp" and an armoury is being built for their weapons which they are forbidden by law to take out of camp unless on official duty.

The guerrillas have been in hastily erected assembly camps scattered round the borders of the country since the beginning of the year.

Uganda party clash holds up constituencies decision

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Sept 21

The list of parliamentary constituencies for Uganda's elections is still undecided, following a confrontation last week between Mr Paulo Muwanga, the chairman of the ruling Military Commission, and three of the four parties now campaigning.

When the other parties boycotted a meeting of the interim parliament, the National Consultative Council, last week, the remaining members from Mr Muwanga's party, the Uganda People's Congress, quickly appointed a new chairman and passed unanimously a Government proposal limiting the number of seats in the next parliament to 126.

The other parties want 140 seats and accuse the Congress, led by the former Ugandan President, Dr Milton Obote, to working to prevent a fair election.

The Democratic Party and the Uganda Patriotic Movement say they will boycott the National Consultative Council if the action of what they allege was an illegal meeting is confirmed. The small Conservative Party takes a similar view.

This weekend the Uganda Electoral Commission, which has set December 10 as the election date, said the expected announcement of the list of constituencies was being delayed until legal and other questions were settled.

Singapore accuses Australia of protectionism

Snapping at the provider's hand

From David Watts
Singapore, Sept 21

Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, and Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister of Singapore, share similar views on most international issues.

But, as their recent public disagreement shows, their views part company over economics and particularly over the sort of economic policy that Australia should pursue in relation to the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean).

Mr Lee believes that Australians are protectionists *par excellence* and, in his characteristic fashion, is not afraid to tell them so.

But if any of the Asean countries have a complaint over their balance of trade, Singapore should be the last one to voice it. Alone of the Asean countries Singapore has a surplus in its trade with Australia. Admittedly the figure is modest at $US11.6m (about £4.8m) but that takes no account of the money spent by Australian tourists in Singapore or of the high percentage of imported Australian goods which are re-exported from Singapore.

Mr Lee: Speaking out in characteristic fashion.

Other Asean countries have deficits with Australia ranging from Thailand's $65.7m to Malaysia's $151.4m in 1978-79.

The countries of Asean would like to be able to sell more textiles, footwear and clothing but Australian diplomats point out that the restructuring of the Australian economy in a democracy is not the simple or speedy matter that Mr Lee apparently thinks it is.

In Singapore, with its relatively new development as an industrial nation, its compact size and lack of any opposition to the Government worth the name, a change of emphasis in industry need only have economic viability and the imprimatur of the Government to succeed. For Australia it is far more complex geographically, politically and in terms of timing.

But the strain over economic relation is in contrast to the new Australian commitment to the South-East Asia region illustrated by Mr Fraser's announcement that five-power defence exercises are to be revived and facilities provided for Singaporean fighter-bomber pilots to train in Australia.

Vietnam spy ring reported in Hongkong

From Richard Hughes
Hongkong, Sept 21

Hongkong security authorities are investigating reports that local Vietnamese representatives are recruiting agents to spy on the expanding Peking trade, shipping and financial presence here.

Russian, East European and Cuban nationals are denied entry into Hongkong but Vietnam has established a group of five companies in the colony whose activities include import-export trade, travel and deposit operations.

They do not have consular or diplomatic status and are based in a central skyscraper known as the Golden Star building.

The companies are officially registered as Golden Star Shipping, The Vietnam Finance Company, Vietnam Import and Export and the Vietnam Travel Agency. (Before the breach with China, Hanoi operated an obscure "trade" office in Peking's Bank of China building in central Hongkong.)

It is known that Hanoi had been infiltrating agents into various countries by including them among genuine escapers from Vietnam.

Somalia seeks more UN aid for refugees

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, Sept 21

President Siad Barre of Somalia has asked Mr Poul Hartling, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, for additional aid for more more than 700,000 refugees now housed in 27 camps in Somalia after fleeing from their former homes in the Ogaden and other areas of Ethiopia. Another 1,500,000 refugees are living outside the camps, United Nations officials say.

The Somali President met Mr Hartling in Mogadishu after he had inspected a number of refugee camps and held talks with Somali officials and representatives of about 20 aid agencies working in Somalia.

About 700 more refugees are arriving each day and the population of the camps is expected to rise to 900,000 next year. Mr Hartling said additional funds were being sought for food, shelter, water, sanitation, health, education and other needs.

The United Nations and other agencies have budgeted to spend more than £50m on the refugees in Somalia this year.

The Ethiopian authorities say they are caring for up to five million drought victims in the Ogaden and other areas which are now experiencing famine.

An official of the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) who has just visited southern and eastern Ethiopia said here that more than 775,000 people are at present housed in 265 settlements set up for drought victims in southern Ethiopia.

Unicef is helping, with other organizations, to provide food and other necessities. Drought in this area has persisted since 1973, but experts say good crops could be grown by irrigation, if enough boreholes were developed.

An existing reservoir at Ginir could serve 12,000 drought victims if a piped distribution system could be developed. Unicef hopes to provide wells and boreholes for more than 600,000 people over the next three years.

Radda Barnen, the Swedish Save the Children Organization, along with Unicef and the Ethiopian Government, have developed a prototype children's village for drought and war orphans at Amba, near Asawa.

It will house 5,000 children from infants to 14-year-olds.

[illegible] Association [illegible] teachers of "gutless treachery" for advising its members to seek to counteract the effects on schools of strikes and other industrial action taken by classroom teachers.

The association, which represents two thirds of head teachers, last week issued a 16-page circular to members giving advice on how to cope with what it sees as growing industrial conflict in schools.

It suggests, for example, that where teachers refuse to take over classes from absent colleagues in protest against spending cuts and unemployment, a

[illegible] Association [illegible] Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers says in a statement today that it is appalled.

"How else are we going to protect our jobs and the education service from the ravages of public expenditure cuts without being militant?", Mr Nigel de Gruchy, the union's assistant secretary, asked.

"We have protected head teachers' as well as assistant teachers' jobs and salaries by taking industrial action. We can stomach pacificists but traitors are a different breed."

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US actor faces marijuana charge in South Africa

Johannesburg, Sept 21.—David Carradine, the actor, and three members of his film production crew were arrested with eight other people early yesterday and charged with possession of marijuana, the South African Press Association reported.

Mr Carradine, who is said to be receiving $500,000 (about £208,000) for his role in the film *Rally*, which is being made in South Africa, was released on $260 bail and is due to appear in the magistrates court here tomorrow.

"David possibly believed that the drug laws in South Africa are similar to those in his home state of California, where possessing and smoking marijuana is a misdemeanour hardly worse than a traffic violation", Mr Jules Levy, the film's producer, was quoted as saying.

"I have an attorney working on the matter and dealing with the bail arrangements. I am waiting to hear from him and David", he said. The report said the American consulate had been informed of Mr Carradine's arrest early yesterday.

"With just seven more weeks to go, to finish the film, we are on a critical deadline", Mr Levy said.—AP.

Colombians accused of torture

Amnesty International, the human rights organization, has sent the Colombian Government a list of 35 military centres in Colombia where, it says, political prisoners have been tortured.

It claims in a report being published today in London that systematic methods of torture include rape, near-drownings, electric shock, drugs, burnings and beatings. "A quasi-permanent state of siege, in effect in Colombia almost continuously for 30 years, together with the nation's special security laws, facilitated widespread violations of human rights."

The victims were peasants, Indians and trade unionists in particular. But doctors, lawyers and "others who tried to uphold professional codes of conduct" were also seized and tortured.

Twenty-seven of the examples of torture cited in the report were accounts given by the victims to the Amnesty International doctor who was able to examine them. In most of these cases, he concluded "there was clear evidence that the alleged torture had in fact taken place," the report said.

The 258-page report cited 600 individual cases of arbitrary arrest or torture.

President Moi brings home aid from China

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Sept 21

President Moi returned to Nairobi yesterday after completing a five-day official visit to China, accompanied by a large delegation of ministers, officials and university student representatives.

The President announced that China would provide a £20m interest-free loan to build a sports centre in Nairobi and to finance rice growing and other development schemes, including energy projects.

China has so far maintained a low profile in Kenya which only recently reopened its embassy in Peking. It had been closed for several years.

Prisoners of conscience

Argentina: Dr Ernesto Villanueva

By Caroline Moorehead

An eminent sociologist and former rector of the University of Buenos Aires, Dr Ernesto Villanueva, is still in prison and being refused permission to leave Argentina, although he completed a five-year sentence in March.

Dr Villanueva was arrested in 1975, together with his pregnant wife and child, who were released only ten months later, after the second child was born. Though he was officially charged with possessing arms and false documents, Amnesty International believe that he was detained for his support of the Peronist movement, and for the research he was carrying out on modern Argentinian society—rural poverty, unemployment and health care.

There is no evidence that he ever used or advocated violence. In 1978 both his brother and defence lawyer disappeared. They are now believed dead.

During his detention, first in La Plata, later at Rawson prison, Dr Villanueva is known to have been tortured and subjected to mock executions. Conditions in both jails are harsh and several prisoners have committed suicide in recent months.

In 1978 Dr Villanueva was offered a research fellowship at the University of Glasgow, and last year was granted a visa to this country. Since March he has been held at the disposal of the National Executive Power, under which prisoners are allowed by the Constitution to opt for exile rather than indefinite confinement. His first application, in March, was turned down.

DOMESTIC AND CATERING SITUATIONS

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Canadian Pacific Enterprises Limited

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The Board of Directors of Canadian Pacific Enterprises Limited, at a meeting held at Montreal, Quebec, on the 8th day of September, 1980, resolved that a quarterly dividend of twenty-five cents (25c) Canadian per share on the outstanding common shares of the Corporation be and the same is hereby declared payable on October 23, 1980 to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 2, 1980.

By order of the Board.
G.S. MacLean,
General Manager, Administration and Corporate Secretary.

Montreal, Quebec,
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The usual interval of four clear days will be required for examination.

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THE ARTS

Gdansk: a vigorous display of home truths

Cezary Morawski and Tadeusz Bradeski in *Constans*

Few film festivals can have taken place in atmospheres of greater excitement and urgency than the Polish National *Feature Film Festival* at Gdansk. The festival opened little more than a week after the settlement of the Baltic Coast strikes. (During the strike period the only part of the Gdansk cinema organization that remained in operation seems in fact to have been the festival organization: one of the local sponsors of the event is the Lenin Shipyard.)

Among the film-makers, whether they were pessimistic or optimistic about the immediate future, there was an elated conviction that this is a moment of genuine moral regeneration, when the truth not only can be told, but must be. "The truth", said one editorial in the daily festival bulletin, "is a very delicate kind of luggage. It cannot stand being shuffled around on carts pushed by hurried porters".

The bulletin poured out daily home truths about the needs and aims of the Polish cinema. Why, for instance, it asked, had it been possible for the film *Kung Fu*, which dealt frankly with corruption among the management of a factory, to draw huge crowds wherever it was shown and yet show poor box office returns? "We already know the preliminary answer: distribution is an activity of a propagandist-political nature." Despite its popularity, the release of the film had been, in fact, very restricted.

Kung Fu was shown at Gdansk last year. Even then the film-makers had attained a level and honesty of social criticism unprecedented in the cinemas of the socialist world. It was a veritable renaissance. The film-makers clearly saw their role as the conscience of the nation; and already, a year ago, had coined the phrase "Cinema of Moral Tensions".

The characteristics of the new cinema had been shrewdly summarized by a leading (and not notably radical) critic, Jacek Fuksiewicz, in the summer of 1979: The cinema, he said, "*ought to . . . indicate the things that disturb, discern among what is the expected outcome of our action that which is incidental and unwelcome, and point to what may, if not seen in time or discounted, be sources of our weakness.* The list will include, as well as familiar and diagnosed ailments which social policy is attacking, ones which are still embryonic and only glimpsed or sensed by literature and the cinema: examples of loss of moral sensibilities and bearings, of consumer attitudes developing into *acquisitiveness, self-seeking and careerism*, of instrumental and manipulative treatment of people, of inability to adjust to the advances in the democratization of our lives, of emergence of pseudo-elites arrogating special privileges, of hypocrisy, cynicism and opportunism". Mr Fuksiewicz's analysis has proved accurately prophetic of the moral basis of recent discontent.

The leaders of the new critical movement in the cinema were Andrzej Wajda, now 54, who was already a quarter of a century ago the key figure in the then new Polish school; and the brilliant, intellectually clinical Krzysztof Zanussi, now 41. Wajda's *Man of Marble* and *Rough Treatment* and Zanussi's *Camouflage* were prototypes; and the two directors provided, equally, a personal influence and stimulus to their younger colleagues. Agnieska Holland, who made a brilliant debut with *Provincial Actors*, had been assistant to *Zanussi* and was the writer of *Rough Treatment*. Other new directors included Krzysztof Kieslowski, who won the Moscow Festival Grand Prix with a devastating comic commentary on various deformations of the social system, *Camera Buff*, Feliks Falk (*Top Dog*, *Chance*) and Janusz Kijowski, the director of *Kung Fu*.

The annual production shown at last year's Gdansk Festival was in fact remarkable for the cohesiveness of the new school of social criticism. Strangely—or perhaps not so strangely—there was by no means the same identity of focus in this year's films. True, neither Kieslowski, Holland, Falk nor Kijowski had new films ready, so that of last year's outstanding directors only the young veterans Wajda and Zanussi were in evidence.

Both directors are at peak form. The very defects of Wajda's *The Conductor*—a haste and lack of polish quite uncharacteristic of this supreme stylist—look like the effects of an over-prodigal creativity. *The Conductor* stars John Gielgud (and some uncertainty over language and dubbing conventions also mars the film) as a great expatriate conductor who returns from America to perform—and eventually to die—in his native land. The irruption of this majestic presence creates serious disturbances in the life of the community, the orchestra and a couple of young musicians. Through this anecdote Wajda succeeds in probing deeply into the varied neuroses of provincialism.

Zanussi showed two films which seemed to form, quite accidentally, the two halves of a diptych. *Constans* (*The Constant Factor*), first shown in Cannes, depicts a young man resisting the petty corruption he sees around him in the organization, responsible for arranging official exhibitions overseas, in which he works. Superficially this is a theme that other film-makers have already explored fully. Zanussi's approach goes deeper in its sophistication, dealing with aspects of fatalism, and confronting much thornier questions in the young man's search for an abstract morality (the "constant factor" of the title) in a society where morality, by ideological principle, is only comparative.

The Contract shows people not resisting, but, hardly consciously, accepting softened and blurred notions of mortality. With the action mainly set at a prolonged wedding party, the film builds up to a sort of grotesque comedy new in Zanussi, as the older characters drink and talk and bit by bit let slip the masks of mature and responsible citizens. The young despair. The bride runs away from the wedding; the groom gets drunk, sets the house on fire and is finally led off to the mental hospital. Zanussi is a valuable comic moralist.

Of all the Gdansk programme, the film which seemed to chime most closely with the new aspirations of the Polish workers' movement was Kazimierz Kutz's *Beads of One Rosary*. While purporting to deal with an individual and even eccentric anecdote, it ends up as a very forceful reflection on the relationship of the individual and the machinery that represents society. The hero is an old retired miner who steadfastly refuses attempts to remove him from his life-long home to a new block of miners' flats and all the mod cons for which he has only disdain.

With fierce humour, Kutz—for whom this is the third and last of a trilogy of films on the Silesian coal mines—asserts the rights and dignity of the individual. He is abetted by two wonderful performances by non-professional actors, an old miner and a miner's wife. (The lady was at Gdansk, mesmerizing listeners with such riveting sagas of the workers' life as how she and her husband saved up for years to buy a Fiat, only to find when they achieved it that she was too fat to get in.)

The general atmosphere of the festival was so elated and volatile that it was no surprise when one day we were faced with a remarkable programme of documentaries which had been, certainly until that very day, under embargo. Here too, and more directly, film-makers recorded the complaints and the aspirations that Polish workers had recently themselves been expressing.

Several films, like Zbigniew Raplewski's *Workers' Voices*, attack managements who return only double-talk to the work people's complaints about inadequate supplies and working conditions. Marcel Lozinski's *Microphone Test*, more violently, exposes the fiction of worker participation in a cosmetics factory. Krzysztof Kieslowski's brilliant *Talking Heads* explores a history of attitudes by whisking through a pageant of Poles, ranging from two years old to 100, and asking them the same questions about identity and expectation.

Perhaps the most remarkable of this group of films however is Irena Kamienska's *Working Women*, an exposure of a neglected textile factory where women employees protest against conditions that betray a Victorian carelessness about the workers.

While none of the other films on show in Gdansk this year compared in importance with these, it was striking that the theme of individuality—individual fulfilment, individual responsibility, individual awareness—recurred, whether the settings were contemporary (15 of the total 28 films) or historical (the remaining 13). With no fewer than 12 directors making first features this year, Poland's purposeful and highly contemporary new cinema is, for the moment, providing a stiff breeze in socialist European film-making.

David Robinson

Siegfried
Covent Garden

William Mann

During the first two acts of Wagner's *Siegfried* at Covent Garden on Friday, I began to wonder whether Colin Davis, having freed his interpretation from the influences of, say, Solti and Goodall, was now (on the traces of Böhm at Bayreuth) exaggerating the unheroic, cosy possibilities of that monumental but versatile score, making too much of buoyant pulses, airy orchestral textures, exhilarating tempi. There had been omens in *Das Rheingold*, even more in the richer and grander tapestry of *Die Walküre*.

My predecessor Frank Howes taught readers that *Siegfried* is the scherzo of *The Ring*. Entertainment abounds in its first two acts: Davis made much of Mime's absurdity, Siegfried's boyish impatience and physical energy, Wotan's bonhomous quizzing, the horseplay of Mime and Alberich (Götz Friedrich's production makes it a dance of exasperated beetles), Fafner's extravagant disguise as the dragon, and all that woodland magic.

Wagner's music, like the ROH Orchestra these days, responds winsomely to such cheerful and mildly sensuous delights. Sir Colin may also have been caring for his new Siegfried, Alberto Remedios—new, that is, to this production and to Wagner's own German text. Remedios moved cautiously across the raked, often careering platform, and sang in this house less ebulliently than he does in English down the road, approaching top notes with caution, and German consonants quite unwillingly. His soft singing renewed familiar pleasures, and he threw himself industriously into forging and instrument-making. He was, truly, feeling his way.

John Dobson's Mime, dangerous exotic insect as much as mauve-and-white minstrel, tends to monopolize attention with cogent singing and an inexhaustible armoury of comic or baleful detail. As Alberich, Rolf Kühne can convey the menacing grandeur of Wotan's dark *alter ego* by word and gesture, but is vocally hampered by a shortage of firm tonal centre. Up in the dome of the auditorium sings the Woodbird, Elaine Mary Hall, with clear words and bright, fluent tone.

There are darker currents flowing in the first two acts of *Siegfried* than Sir Colin intimated (though Friedrich suggests them). Is not the riddle scene, in which Mime learns of his imminent death, the parallel to Brünnhilde's *Todesverkündigung* to Siegmund, just as the slaughter of Fafner echoes the discomfiture of Alberich in *Rheingold*?

Came the third act, and Sir Colin, surely aware that *Tristan and Meistersinger had intervened*, at once found the awesome spaciousness for Wotan's journey to Erda, and fateful colloquy with her: Donald McIntyre and Elizabeth Bainbridge, like the ROH Orchestra, were at one with him. The closing scene of Brünnhilde's awakening dragged its heels, with a Siegfried still less sure of himself than we were of him, and Berit Lindholm's awkward, acid though amply voiced Brünnhilde.

Book review

Evening Edged in Gold
By Arno Schmidt

Translated by John E. Woods *(Marion Boyars, £50, after Sept 25, £60.)*

The late Arno Schmidt is too little honoured outside his own country. Not surprisingly, perhaps, is that the labour of translating his work evidently demands something more than mere linguistic or literary dedication.

Schmidt was a respected critic: not only of all our tritons such as Joyce and Dickens, but also of the cherished minnows (certainly not in his own estimation) in German and English literature—Bulwer Lytton, Poe, Wilkie Collins, Fenimore Cooper, Karl May, Jean Paul and very many more. He was also a formidable theorist, resolutely experimental in narrative technique, orthography and presentation of devious and deviant aspects of consciousness which he did not believe could be expressed in traditional forms within a Conventional social frame. More than this he was a superb novelist of huge ambition and great achievement.

Evening Edged in Gold is an acidly farcical fairy tale in which the stagnating family of an artillery veteran is visited by a dionysiac troupe who stir up dark pools of resentment, lust and obsession. Once the waters are perturbed Arno Schmidt's pessimistic landscape, strangely lit with humour and tolerance, buzzes with the conversation of the creatures released. It is an ancient and future scene in which real and symbolic figures (belonging to pre-history and post-nuclear disaster) sometimes caper obscenely or submit edged in a dying glow of humanity.

The major's household consists of himself, severely maimed in body though generous of mind, his sexually sub-volcanic wife, their primaevemal step-daughter, a degenerate if erudite brother-in-law, a gentle and sensitive scholar who is also an author, and a lascivious housekeeper. The abandoned train of sexual conjurors and clowns who descend upon them are led by a flying Luxembourgeoise goddess, fragile and powerful, able to bestow peace yet unable to accept it for herself. She is accompanied by a primeval monster-god who might have been chipped out of a Wessex hillside complete with club and penis erect; and by an egregious chronicler who, to some prejudiced minds, will recall the professional academic dropout of the late Sixties.

The brief stay of this rabble releases the "oldster" men from their bookish babbling which has hitherto been relieved only by mildly voyeuristic antics of one sort or another; more significantly the two older women are offered a roaring outlet for pent-up seismic lust; most importantly the strange female leader of the cult brings to term the fresh and natural longing of the adolescent girl without taint or squalor.

The novel is far more complex than this outline could possibly suggest. Every page is crammed with allusions, references, quotations from Schmidt's vast reading, relevant notes in boxes. Contemporaneous events are narrated side-by-side in double columns. There are diagrams, drawings, maps and photographs scattered about the text which is offered in the form of the facsimile of a typescript complete with corrections, overtypings, blottings-out and apparently unnoticed mistakes.

Schmidt's idiosyncrasies of word-formation and spelling tend to lend a deceptive conformity to the writing at first sight. The shortest reflection on any episode, however, reveals richness and variety of language. Some passages are very obscene: others are delicate and beautiful. Implicit throughout is the contrast between the tenderness of sexual love and the chimerical furies of lust in action. The typographical eccentricities are no mere exercise in whimsy. As the tale unfolds in the form of dialogue, with elaborate stage directions and detailed asides which express most vividly the setting and private reservations of those taking part in a particular scene, Schmidt contrives to use punctuation marks, typewriter symbols and a whole variety of significant cyphers to suggest an intonation or a facial expression. Since an important theme of the novel is the subconscious implication of words (especially in sexual connotations), the proliferate errata, alternative spellings and puns are obviously central to the author's purpose, if eventually somewhat trying.

The novel costs £50 (until September 25th—when it will sell at £60). Is it worth it? Is any novel, especially at a time when fiction is having a difficult spell? A reviewer can only answer personally. Asked such a question before reading *Evening Edged in Gold*, I should have undoubtedly answered no: I should not buy it. Now, I would be prepared to adjust other expenditure to afford it. But it is a collector's item—for readers who are excited by technique and technical virtuosity and who delight in pondering at leisure the implications of a phrase or an illusion. Schmidt is scathing about the standards of a television-visually stimulated society, prepared to make the least conceivable effort for the cheapest available thrill: it is not surprising that in this story of innocence and experience, domestic jealousy, connubial hatred, pubertal and senescent lust, hope and failure, he has also captured a civilization dying of wilful marcosis, a pleasure garden which visitors have made grotesque at closing-time—but where there is still a corner for comic gloom, stoic wit and tolerance.

Stuart Evans

The Workshop
Oxford Playhouse

Irving Wardle

Aside from being the first new French play to reach the British stage for several years, Jean Claude Grumberg's *The Workshop* is an acute reminder of how swiftly wartime alliances evaporate at the return of peace.

If this study of the back-street Paris rag trade had been set during the Occupation it would have activated an immediate string of associations. As it is set between the years of 1945-52 it strikes none: and the triumph of the piece, in Tom Kempinski's excellent Cockney version, is that it achieves direct international contact without any sympathetic preconceptions.

What M Grumberg presents is a picture of post-war Paris through the microcosm of life in one tiny working group. The play gives the appearance of an unedited slice of life, introducing the five women who spend their days sewing in M Leon's upstairs room and leaving you to pick up their story as if you had an eye to the keyhole.

Peace does not mean all that much. The bread is as bad as ever. In some ways the Germans were better than the Americans—at least they didn't drop you in the mud after a dance. Menfolk who vanished during the war do not now miraculously reappear; children have to be looked after, queues stood in.

The main focus is on Simone, the workshop's new finisher, left with two boys after the arrest of her stateless husband. Typically, when she describes the arrest she dwells on the damage *it did to the door* of her flat. And after the play's seven years one watches her hopes for her husband's return imperceptibly changing to a bureaucratic struggle to secure his pensionable death certificate.

Lynn Farleigh's Simone, stoically getting on with the girls and abruptly conveying private torment when her features lock into stony dismay, is a wonderful piece of work. The more so as it does not obtrude on the squabbles and gaiety of her companions: Sandy Ratcliff's foul-mouthed party girl, Jennifer Piercey's fading romantic, and Georgine Anderson as a rouchy prude jealously hugging her privileged place by the *window*.

In Nicolas Kent's production it is a female group show: the group is a central organism that splinters or solidifies in reaction to the presence of males—particularly Leon Lissek as the explosive Jewish boss.

But males are not extraneous to the play which, for all its apparent inconclusiveness, celebrates survival and change from the austerities of 1945 to the return of competition and political activism. "We are at the end of the post-war period: we are now in a pre-war period", the boss points out. "Everything is back to normal."

Samba
Tricycle Theatre

Ned Chaillet

With a soft slap to the cymbals and the rattle of lacquered gourds, Kilburn High Road and the Council of Brent have gained a new London theatre. The tenacious Wakefield Tricycle Company, weary of carrying its plays to host theatres, has transformed Kilburn's Forester's Hall into the Tricycle Theatre, one of the most comfortable small venues in the country. Seats wrap around the stage on three sides and two levels and the feel is of *something* intimate and dramatic, a space much more Shakespearian than the converted church in Tufnell Park which advertises itself as an Elizabethan theatre.

The cymbals and gourds are backed by horns and congas for the opening production, a new play by Michael Abbensetts which seeks to evoke the life of a retired bandleader, both in his prime as a singer of sambas and in his decline as the owner of Samba Mini Cabs. Moving back and forth between the performances of the band and the dispatch office of the cab company, Kenneth Chubb's production gives an idea of the potential of the theatre by exploiting a deep-set proscenium arch and using the thrust of the new stage, though much more can be done. It is really full frontal in presentation, but even from the back of the small balcony everything seems near.

Samba, however, is not as substantial a play as it might be. In one of his frequent pleasant jokes Mr Abbensetts has one of his characters announce that he always turns off the television when he sees unemployed blacks, but the statement is a declaration of pride for the characters are mainly blacks struggling to succeed in business. I take it as a signal from Mr Abbensetts that he does mean to dwell on difficult things.

Norman Beaton portrays Alfredo, a West Indian who achieved success by pretending to be an Argentinian when he formed the Latin band in 1947. Mr Beaton did not manage to convince me that he had a Latin accent, but his mellow humour as he struggles to reform the band 20 years on is a charming centre to the production.

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from Saturday's later editions

Last night's television

Shock of the New
BBC 2

Michael Ratcliffe

Forget all the rumours about its predecessors. Here, at last, is the official *Son of Civilization*: the BBC has said so. In eight hour-long programmes Robert Hughes and Lorna Pegram have taken up the history of art and society where Lord Clark left off, more or less around 1900. They began indeed with a near-parodic homage to those legendary and extravagant locations as Hughes, more floridly Diggerish than ever, explained the selective brief of the series (*not* "a history of 20th century art") in a single paragraph that stretched robustly from mid-town Manhattan to the Arc de Triomphe, the Colosseum and the Brandenburg Gate. "We do get around", he murmured disarmingly.

Then down to the hard work of compressing, describing and displaying the artist's reaction to the scientific revolution that began around 1880 and only paused in 1914: the motor car, the aeroplane, recorded sound, moving pictures, electric light; Marie Curie, Alfred Whitehead, Einstein. Pride of place went to the Eiffel Tower, described as a pivot in human consciousness and photographed with a brilliant and unbelievable freshness which made Delaunay's dazzling paintings of it look merely pretty.

Cézanne's revolutionary hesitations over the process of perception itself was followed by Braque and Picasso, the hedgehog, and the fox; *Les demoiselles d'Avignon*, "a raid by the whites on the blacks", the most powerful expression of castration-fear in painting; the Futurists, with spectacular scenes inside Battersea Power Station, and a switch named "Standby Exciter" (I don't think I misread that) which sounded like one of Marinetti's exhortations; camouflage in 1914, "Cubism at war" and finally, Duchamp, interviewed in the sixties. Asked whether he minded when the glass on *The Bride Stripped Bare By her Bachelors* got smashed in a move, he replied, not at all. After all, he had given up painting the thing after eight years and, besides, he loved the patterns made by the breaks. That brought us very nearly to the desanctification of art, Dada, and next week.

I enjoyed it very much, even if none of it was very shocking or, of course, new. I had expected something a bit more funky, I confess, but if you are co-producing with Rainer Moritz and Time-Life, whose art critic Mr Hughes is, there must be a limit to the amount of funk you can put in. It was also made clear that for the first programme the title referred to the impact of technology upon art rather than that of art upon the public, and, given the variety of the seven programmes to come and of Hughes's response to the art and artists therein (see *Radio Times*), a certain bloody-mindedness will find a way of breaking in. Standby, Exciter!

London Music Group
Wigmore Hall

Noël Goodwin

Dvorak and Grieg are the two composers whose music is being extensively featured by a variety of artists at Wigmore Hall this season, bringing an attractive continuing thread to what would otherwise be a miscellany of programmes. Dvorak is represented by all his major chamber works at one time or another, with the Music Group of London contributing the constantly fascinating *Dumky*, op 90, for piano trio, at their concert on Saturday.

I thought it odd and unnecessarily confusing for the programme annotator to seek to impose a formal symphonic mould on what is effectively a suite of six stylized song and dance numbers, lifted into the realm of poetic beauty by the nature of the composer's imagination. They develop no thematic argument, nor even follow any tidy academic scheme of tonal progression. Each has its distinctive blend or contrast of harmonic colour within a deliberate *dumka* frame, and asks to be enjoyed for its own sake, like separate pictures hanging side by side.

Fortunately the players treated them accordingly, with many beguiling highlights such as the balance between Hugh Bean's violin and David Parkhouse at the piano in the passage in sixths during the first *dumka*, or the poignant lamenting quality of Eileen Croxford's cello theme in the second. The third conveyed a lingering, folklike charm which was perhaps the closest the players came to realizing the essentially local accents of this music. The later pieces on this occasion derived more character from the rhythm than the flexible turns of phrase.

However, this same feeling for rhythm helped to impart a high-gloss finish to the superbly poised performance of Mendelssohn's C minor Trio, op 66, which always keeps its ideas within well-mannered bounds. The problems here are those of intonation at a sustained level of expression but the Music Group players had no qualms about trusting each other. The result was a more rewarding richness and flexibility than had been apparent in their merely conscientious account of Beethoven's G major Trio, op 1 no 2.

John Bate Choir
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Victoria has always seemed to me one of the most accessible composers of the sixteenth century, and the point was confirmed on Saturday evening by the John Bate Choir's performance of his mass *O Magnum Mysterium*. Although there is some deft canonic writing between the divided sopranos in the "Agnus dei", he thought not so much in terms of contrapuntal devices as in large blocks of sound, changing timbres and the like.

For this reason it was a good thing that the choir was a big one, fully able to convey the music's richness and majesty of sound. Obviously there is an element of display in such composing, yet the results are both pure and full of feeling. Certainly on this occasion the passionate belief, the mystical fervour that Victoria got into his music came across with considerable power. And as usual I was, perhaps not quite irrelevantly, reminded of El Greco.

Next it was the turn of the John Bate Orchestra, a somewhat smaller body, who played Bach's Brandenberg Concerto No 2. Michael Laird was reasonably secure in the difficult trumpet part, but the other soloist—Doris Evans (flute), Malcolm Messiter (oboe) and Richard Studt (violin)—did not always, in the outer movements, make their rhythms sufficiently distinct. Mr Bate's tempos were well chosen.

The choir was heard again in Malcolm Williamson's Symphony for Voices. This is an interesting and original setting, on quite a large scale, of five poems by the composer's fellow Australian James McAuley. The performance was noticeably less sharp in outline than the recording by the John Alldis Choir, for whom it was written, yet just as effective in its own way, even in the highly rhythmic "Envoi" in fact the gentle contours of vocal sound produced many beautiful effects, particularly in the final "New Guinea".

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e tradition of new factories old is being maintained in herds Bush, London, where len Commercial Properties n partnership with the Royal lon Mutual Insurance Society arry out a 37,000 sq ft fac and office scheme.

e site is that of the former lity radio factory, giving on e M41 in Olaf Street. The old site currently contains ding and multi-storey dises and became available result of Fidelity's recent ion to lease a new factory lex within 100 yards of its factory in Victoria Road, 10.

completion, the new devel nt is expected to have an tment value of about £2.25m will be the third joint industrial development carried out by Cobden and Royal London.

Designed by Sanders and Michelmore, the latest scheme comprises four units from 7,500 sq ft up to 20,500 sq ft all containing a high office content of about 20 per cent on ground and first floor. There will be access to the site from both Olaf Street and Evesham Street.

Units will be ready for occupation towards the end of next year and rents are expected to be over £4 a sq ft. Frank Harris and Co and Ridgway Noble introduced the site to Cobden and have been retained as joint letting agents.

An unusual and somewhat unlikely development is taking place on the site of a former hospital for barge horses beside the River Thames at Windsor.

Salters Ferries, who at one time used the site as a treatment centre for their horses, still have moorings adjacent to the site. The scheme, designed by Fewster and Partners, provides for offices, a restaurant, a public house and flats.

The 6,500 sq ft of air-conditioned offices will be on the first and second levels. Work has started on the £500,000 contract awarded to Y. J. Lovell (Midland), by The Mercantile and General Reinsurance Co.

Project managers and letting agents for the scheme are Lane Fox and Partners. The site is at the junction of Farm Yard and Thames Side, close to the Windsor and Eton Riverside railway station.

In the City of London, Cross Keys Court—the first direct office development in the City by F. W. Woolworth, in Wood Street, Cheapside, EC2—has been put on the market for letting through Jones Lang Wootton, although not due for completion for another 12 months.

Providing 40,000 sq ft of air-conditioned offices on ground and five upper floors, it is one of the few buildings of its size likely to become available during 1981 which is still available. The agents are looking for a rent in the region of £20 a sq ft.

In Scotland, Royal Insurance have taken a lease of 125 years from the Highland Regional Council of the 4.27 acre site for the proposed Eastgate Shopping Centre in Inverness, which it is to develop in partnership with Cruden Developments.

The scheme, which will take two years to complete, will cost about £12m. Designed by Hugh Martin and Partners, the new centre will provide a total of 140,000 sq ft of net retail space, including two stores and 30 shops of varying sizes, grouped around a central mall, with 650 parking spaces.

Holbeche House, Kingswinford, a grade two Jacobean house providing about 7,500 sq ft of offices.

The large store has been let to Tesco and negotiations are under way with other major national multiple retailers for the other shops.

St Quintin, who advised Royal Insurance throughout the negotiations, are joint letting agents with Hillier Parker May and Rowden.

The Eastgate Centre is situated immediately to the north of Inverness High Street and, because of the slope of the ground, will be on two levels, with ground access from each.

The English Property Corporation is to sell its freehold shopping precinct at 103/123 Kilburn High Road, London, NW6.

The two-level scheme which is fully let, was completed in 1969 and is being marketed through Conrad Ritblat and Co, who are asking a price in the region of £2.25m for the investment.

The property provides about 35,000 sq ft at ground level, and a further 16,000 sq ft on the first floor. There is also a small residential element and an underground car park.

Current annual income approaches £130,000 a year and the agents are quoting an estimated reversionary income of over £200,000. Most of the leases are for a term of 21 years from 1969 to 1971, and most of these are nearing their second seven-year review.

In Surrey, Dimsdale Developments (South East) and Crowvale Properties, a subsidiary of Associated Newspapers, have begun a major face-lifting operation on the former Waverley District Council offices at Burryfields, Guildford.

The 125-year leasehold interest in the building was acquired by Dimsdale and Crowvale last year for over £900,000. The scheme will provide about 17,000 sq ft of offices and when completed next summer the renovation will include such items as carpets, suspended ceilings and a new lift, plus parking for 40 cars.

The building has been renamed Dimsdale House and has unrestricted office use. It is just to the west of the River Wey and is within a few minutes walk of the Guildford railway and bus stations.

The scheme was introduced to Dimsdale by Edwin Dickson, of Eagle House, Market Square, Midhurst, who is joint letting agent with Hillier Parker May and Rowden. An initial rent of about £160,000 a year is being sought.

Somebody looking for a good out-of-town business address would be interested in Holbeche House, at Kingswinford, some six miles from Wolverhampton. It is a Jacobean house with a grade two listing as being of special architectural or historic interest.

It is thought to be the house where Robert Catesby and Percy, conspirators in the Gunpowder Plot, were killed in 1605. Now, with change of use to offices, it is being offered at £250,000 with 36 acres. It has about 7,500 sq ft of internal gross floor area. Vendors are The Central Manufacturing and Trading Group and the agents are Knight Frank and Rutley.

A five-year-old factory giving about 114,000 sq ft in two parallel bays, in Sefton Street, Heywood, Lancashire, is being offered for sale at a price in the region of £1.5m.

It is being sold by Amec Crosta Babcock, who have been using it for the construction, manufacture and test assembly of water treatment and effluent treatment equipment.

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Boxing

Owen's valiant fight to stay alive

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles, Sept 21

Having lost his gallant battle to win the WBC bantamweight crown from Lupe Pintor, of Mexico, the Welshman Johnny Owen lies unconscious in a Los Angeles hospital valiantly fighting to stay alive, after almost four hours of surgery to remove a blood clot on his brain.

The 24-year-old fragile looking Merthyr Tydfil challenger has not regained consciousness since two minutes 35 seconds of the 12th round at the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium when the stocky champion from Mexico City knocked him out with a right hand to the head.

Since 9.30 pm Friday night Owen has not opened him eyes. At the California Hospital where his numbed and speechless father, Dick, and manager Dai Gardiner have painfully waited for him to show signs of life, a hospital spokesman, Linda Roberts, issued those flat, bleak medical bulletins:

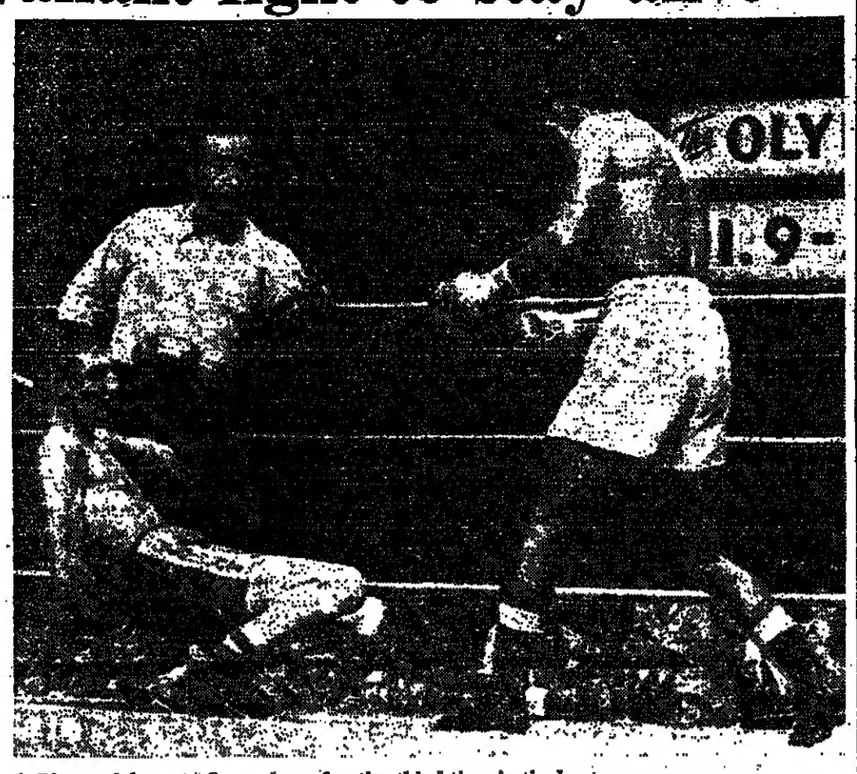
"He remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit", she said. "No further surgery or tests are scheduled. His vital signs are unstable" and she added: "He is fighting for his life and the next 24 hours are the most crucial."

Friday's bout in front of a packed house screaming for Owen's blood was almost an anticlimax to the chilling and tragic conclusion of the Welshman's challenge. The bout went along in predictable fashion with the thin almost skeletal Owen never giving an inch, pressing forward, scoring three times to knockout specialist Pinto's one punch. True Owen's punches were not lethal, more wearing than anything else.

But he never cringed nor withdrew from the fiery Mexican in their ceaseless toe to toe combat. It was neck and neck until the ninth round and in fact ringsiders gave the Welshman the edge until that point, even though one scribe, surveying the fervent and volatile Mexican American crowd noted. "Johnny will have to kill him to get the verdict in front of this crowd".

In the ninth a round-house right put Owen down but although shaken and pale he was up immediately refusing to take a long count and swapping punches for the next few seconds until the end of the round. It sadly was the beginning of the end for Owen. In rounds 10 and 11 he began to fade although in the seventh and eighth it was Pintor, with cuts over both eyes including one deep wound over his left eye, who appeared to be running out of steam.

Owen had been examined by the ringside doctor Bernhardt Schwartz earlier because of a cut lip and nose bleeds but the blood that covered the Welshman's shorts belonged to the champion. Later Dr Schwartz was to say: "There was no question of stopping the fight, Owen looked as if he was winning."



A Pintor right puts Owen down for the third time in the bout.

In the 12th Pintor who has won more than 30 bouts by knockouts clubbed Owen to the floor. Once again he bounded up. Seconds later it was all over. The final punch struck the Welshman high on the temple and he fell like a log. The referee Marty Denkin did not bother to count: "His eyes were rolled right up," recalled Mr Denkin, who took one look at the fallen Briton and signalled that it was all over. Owen lay unmoving still crumpled figure under the harsh ring lights. There was confusion in the arena and frenzied cheering as Pintor took his bows.

Afterwards Mr Denkin said: "It was very, very close into the 12th round with no clearcut leader. After the first knockdown in the 12th I looked over at Owen and he was clear eyed and seemed to know what he was doing. I had no doubts at that time he could continue. There was no question of stopping it then, he was perfectly coherent, I told him to keep his gloves up and he continued."

In the hospital Owen has had no visitors except Mr Gardiner. His father has been too shaken to see his son. The champion visited the hospital and through an interpreter said: "I am very sorry what happened. Owen is a very brave fighter. I thought he would box and run away. He fought as if he wanted to desperately beat the world champion. I was never badly hurt but I was scared when he cut my eyes and did not want to lose the title that way."

Kenty wins in four: Hilmer Kenty, of United States, retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight title yesterday in San Juan, Puerto Rico, when he battered the challenger, Ernesto Espana, of Venezuela into defeat in the fourth round. The referee stopped the bout at the Hiram Bithorn Stadium here after 2 min 57 secs of the round when Espana was no longer able to defend himself.

Our Boxing Correspondent writes: The condition of 24-year-old Johnny Owen should not be laid at the door of anyone—neither his family nor boxing authorities. The fault lies only with the game. Safeguards such as headguards, shorter distances and heavily sprung floors could help but many would argue that they could be counterproductive. The best preventive is that no boxer incapable of taking care of himself should be allowed into the ring.

However much Owen's skeletal frame, slanting smile and large gentle eyes made him look vulnerable, in the acepted sense he was more than able to look after himself in professional boxing. He was not only the fittest and bravest man in Britain but also the most accomplished boxer and one with a good chance of taking the world title. His main drawbacks were that he did not flinch under pressure and did not carry a sufficiently powerful punch to stop a determined opponent in his tracks.

The next 48 hours will be critical but he will be in the prayers of millions in Britain. Although recent cases do not give one much hope, boxers have survived such injuries, as did Bobby Neill after his featherweight title bout with Terry Spinks in 1960. He went into a coma, underwent a similar operation and recovered completely.

Tennis

Czechoslovakia and Italy to meet in the final

Italy and Czechoslovakia will meet in the Davis Cup final later this year after securing winning 3—1 leads in yesterday's semi-final round matches in Rome and Buenos Aires respectively.

The Italians reached their fourth final in five years when Adriano Panatta earned a straight sets victory over Peter McNamara.

Panatta, aged 30, who was in control from the start, swept past the Australian 6—1, 7—5, 6—4

McNamara never really recovered from a disastrous opening set in which he lost all four service games, two of them on double faults. He immediately broke Panatta in the second set but was broken back to love on his own service

The 25-year-old Australian steadied in the third, again breaking Panatta, but failed to hold the advantage. McNamara was let down throughout by his forehand volleys, almost all of which he netted, and by a mediocre backhand. He also admitted he had been disturbed by the pressure and noise of the Roman crowd.

Czechoslovakia's outstanding young player Ivan Lendl overcame a similar distraction in Buenos Aires as he completed his personal destruction of Argentina. Lendl, 20, defeated Jose Luis Clerc 6—1, 7—5, 6—8, 6—2

It was Lendl's third victory of the tie. He beat both the leading Argentines in singles on their home ground, upsetting first of all their top player Guillermo Vilas 7—5, 8—6, 9—7 in a match which began on Friday and ended on Saturday after darkness prevented its completion on the first day. On the second day Lendl, in partnership, with Tomas Smid, also earned a 6—2, 6—4, 6—3 triumph over Vilas and Clerc

Victory for Miss Brown with 14 years in hand

By Jerome Caminada

The eternal quest for someone, somewhere, to appear in British tennis as a potential world beater emerged in a new form at the Queen's Club in London on Saturday. A women's under-30 singles competition (sponsored by Johnson Wax), which has progressed unheralded through the counties this summer, produced finalists whose combined ages were only 31: the winner, Amanda Brown, from Norwich, is 15 years and four months, and the girl she beat by 7—5, 6—3, Elizabeth Jones, from Southampton, is 16.

Their opponents in the semi-final round, which was also played on Saturday, were 16 and 20. If the best women under 30 in the country today are that young, the prospect for the next few years cannot be too dismal.

By her success Miss Brown earned her club, Thorpe, £500 and herself a trophy and a 10-day holiday for two at a tennis ranch in Arizona. She has only just returned from North America, where she competed in the United States and Canadian Open junior championships; though only 15, she thus is not lacking in experience abroad. Miss Jones brought her club, Bassett, £150 and herself a trophy and £150; the winners in each county also had prizes.

Both finalists are now moving to schools in London, so that, under the wing of the LTA, they can use the tennis facilities which Queen's offers a chosen few young players.

In one semi-final match Miss Brown, who won the junior grass court championship this year, was pressed to the limit by Catherine Berry, a tenacious lass only 5ft 2in tall from Shipley and the 1980 Yorkshire champion. Miss Berry led 3—1 in the first set, but then lost five games in a row for the set; recovering, she took the next set to 5—5 before yielding 3—6, 5—7. In the other semi-final Lesley Romley, from Slough, the oldest of the four players, was unable to seize a game from Miss Jones.

The final began on a shale court, but at a critical moment in the first set it had to be moved indoors because of rain. Miss Jones, after being 3—0 down, was leading 5—4 at the time, but the faster wood service indoors unsettled her. She lost the set 7—5 and the first game in the second set as well; but a game on her service brought her confidence, and she took the next to lead 2—1. A double fault by the excitable Miss Jones cost her the important eighth game to put her 5—3 behind. The next game settled the match.

Birkenshaw's move

The former England off spinner Jack Birkenshaw, aged 39, released by Leicestershire, will play for Worcestershire next season. Birkenshaw, who has played five Tests, appeared for Yorkshire from 1958-60 before moving to Leicestershire.

Canada coup

Washington, Sept 20.—Canada will have two more clubs in the North American Football League next season. Montreal and Calgary will take over the Philadelphia and Memphis franchises.

Rugby League

Fulham bubble bursts at Keighley

By Keith Macklin

The golden coach of last weekend reverted to a pumpkin yesterday as Fulham dropped to earth at Keighley with a thud that reverberated throughout the league. Keighley, having conceded 22 tries in three games, were expected to provide easy opposition for the flamboyant newcomers. However, the team and nearly 3,000 supporters raised the game to cup-tie pitch; after Fulham had led 13-9 at the interval, they fell away and Keighley completed a rapturously acclaimed win by 24 points to 13.

In the first half, when the Fulham fairy tale was proceeding comfortably, Aspey scored two tries and Tuffs one and the threat of a Keighley victory seemed remote. Then the Yorkshire underdogs roused themselves as only underdogs can and took charge of the game. Moll, Garner, Burdgett, Jickells and Clark scored the tries, Beale kicked four goals and Ralstrick landed a drop goal.

Four men were sent off at Bradford, where a game easily won by Northern ended in a brawl. Rathbone, of Leigh, was the first to go, followed by Bridges, of Northern, who had scored one of their tries. In the late flurry of punch throwing Bilsbury (Leigh) and Gant received marching orders.

SECOND DIVISION: Bramley 29, Batley 22.

Yesterday

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern 23, Leigh 3; Featherstone Rovers 32, Barrow 11; Hull 16, Oldham 11; Wakefield Trinity 22, Halifax 11; Warrington 26, Castleford 13; Widnes 18, Hull KR 23; Workington Town 5, Leeds 13. **SECOND DIVISION:** Blackpool Borough 10, Huddersfield 15; Dewsbury 3, Swinton 11; Doncaster 0, Whitehaven 16; Hunslet 2, York 16 (at Batley RFC); Keighley 24, Fulham 13; Wigan 47 Huyton 3.

Yachting

Wind increases and Freedom romps to victory

From John Nicholls
Newport, RI, Sept 21

The defending yacht, Freedom, won the third race of the best-of-seven, America's Cup series off Newport today to take a lead of two races to one over the challenger, Australia. The result was in doubt throughout the first round when the breeze was light and shifty, but as soon as it increased to 15 knots and above, Freedom romped away to win by 53 seconds. Both boats finished with protest flags in their rigging, but the reasons would not be known until the crews came ashore.

The pattern of the races has shown that the series could be determined by the weather. In winds of under 10 knots Australia seemed the faster boat. From 10 to 15 knots the boats are competitive, while above 15 knots Freedom takes over. The Australians have requested a lay day tomorrow, obviously expecting the fresh breeze to continue.

There was little to choose between the two boats at the start. Freedom crossed the line three seconds ahead of Australia but was to leeward with both boats on port tack. The light breeze was far from steady, but Dennis Conner at the helm of Freedom played the shifts better and led by 47 seconds at the windward mark.

Freedom never lost her lead, though the distance between her and Australia varied around the course. The nearest she came to being caught was when her spinnaker hoist got in a tangle on the square run and she was only eight seconds ahead at the leeward mark.

Before that she had split a spinnaker on the first reach and partly split a genoa on the second beat. She certainly had her troubles today, but her sails held together on the final leg and she eventually won with ease.

After Friday's encouraging win for Australia, many of us here began to wonder if we had not been too hasty in our earlier judgment of the challenger's chances. The win was no fluke, though the breeze was flukey, for Australia overtook Freedom not once but twice during the race. She showed speed that was the equal of Freedom's on all points of sailing and much of the credit for this must be due to her new rig.

That second race of the series will now become one of the milestones in America's Cup history. It is already being talked about as the best 12-metre match race in the history of the event. There was drama from start to finish and well into the night after the race was over. The start was delayed until the last possible moment (2.10) before racing had to be abandoned for the day. It finished only eight minutes before the time limit expired and the two boats were never more than 47 seconds apart around the course.

After the race, which finished in gathering darkness, Freedom lodged a protest that Australia had not be using proper navigation lights on the final leg. The Australians admitted that their port and starboard lights were feeble and that they carried no stern light.

They argued that lights were a mere technicality required by maritime law and nothing to do with racing on a totally enclosed circuit. Luckily for Conner and his reputation the protest was not pursued and the result stood. The Australians now have more popular support than they have ever before enjoyed.

Hockey

Inventive Slough create all the magic

By Sydney Friskin
Slough 5 Westcliff 0

Slough, English and European club champions, collected more silverware yesterday by winning the Inter-League title at Barclays Bank sports ground, North Ealing. By defeating Westcliff in the final they won the title for the second time, having previously succeeded in the 1976-7 season.

The splendid goalkeeping of Kaye and some tight marking by Copping averted a landslide. After 25 minutes, Slough were still only a goal up and Westcliff polished their game. Among their exploits were two attacks launched by French from the right, and Taylor in the Slough goal made three saves from two short corners. But Slough, their defence solid and their control more secure, increased their lead through Saini from a penalty stroke and Laly from open play.

Much of the second half became too one sided to have any appeal although Westcliff did make some progress and twice threatened to score. Khehar claimed Slough's fourth goal, a superb pass from the right enabling him to score unchallenged. Then, after Kay had saved a penalty stroke off Saini, Laly converted a similar award to complete the scoring. The award for the man of the tournament went to Paul Barber, the Slough captain. Although he had a blank day yesterday, eight goals in three previous matches was not a bad haul.

SLOUGH: I. Taylor; P. J. Barber (captain), M. S. Flora, A. Churcher, S. Parlington, S. S. Khehar, B. Dayed, S. Collins, H. S. Saini, R. Laly, B. Flora.

WESTCLIFF: M. Kay; R. Holmes, P. Wakeford, R. Hilton, N. Havens (captain), P. Anderson, N. Boddington, T. Copping, I. Towler, J. French, M. Bond.

RESULTS: Group A: Cannock 1, Neston 3; Slough 6, Trojans 1; Trojans 3, Cannock 1; Slough 4, Neston 1; Slough 5, Cannock 1; Trojans 0, Neston 2. Group B: East Grinstead 1, Isca 4; Westcliff 4, Sheffield 3; Westcliff 3, East Grinstead 1; Isca 3, Sheffield 3; East Grinstead 0, Sheffield 4; Isca 2, Westcliff 3. Play-offs: (Seventh place): Cannock 1, East Grinstead 0. (Fifth place): Trojans 3, Isca 1. (Third place): Neston 3, Sheffield 2.

Squash rackets

Watson out of NZ open

Auckland, Sept 21.—The New Zealand Squash Association said today that they were not accepting an entry from the South African professional, Roland Watson, for next month's New Zealand Open. M. D. McCarthy, the association president said: "We have taken a long and searching look at the ramifications of Watson playing here and how his competing could possibly jeopardize other sports,

Mr McCarthy said he appreciated that squash professionals regarded themselves as a group who made a living from playing squash and were above politics.

Football

White flag waved by Leicester midfield

By Clive White
Nottingham F 5 Leicester C 0

As if to justify Brian Clough's outrageous forecast that "we'll have the Championship won by Christmas", Nottingham Forest went on the rampage at the City Ground on Saturday.

If it were not for the fact that it was poor young Leicester City's second five-goal drubbing in a week one would be inclined to swallow the "messiah's." word without stopping for a second to chew it over. Even so you had to admire the fare, produced without the expensive flourish of Francis and Wallace, and with only a discontented Birtles to add the finishing touches at the point of attack.

It was difficult to gauge just how well Forest were playing and whether Leicester were playing at all. In truth Forest could have reached double figures and still had chances to spare.

City waved the white flag from midfield at the outset, and the forwards only flew their colours twice, in the first minute and the eighty-eighth. With such unemployment it was hard to understand why the defence should be so undermanned. Even when they did hack the ball away it only fell at Forest feet.

It was, therefore, all the more amazing that they were still in with a shout up until the seventy-third minute. But by then this false position had encouraged misplaced adventure and Robertson was allowed to race through quiet waters until torpedoed unfairly by the unlucky May. It took a free strike from 12 yards by Robertson finally to punish Wallington, who like all good captains was the last to go down. Until then he had been a defiant last line of defence. Shilton, at the other end, had been bathing idly in reflected glory. It was on his recommendation that Leicester signed Wallington many years ago.

The dam, now punctured twice, first by Gray's thunderous free kick in the eleventh minute, burst completely and the persistent battering of Birtles finally paid dividends, twice in 10 minutes. First he intercepted May's short back pass and then he rounded off a fine piece of acceleration by Ponte, Forest's recent £250,000 buy from Switzerland; a small price for a small gem.

Compressed between these efforts, Mills, the substitute, supplementing average ability with zest and athletic strength, slipped in a deserving goal. For Mr Clough, Christmas had come earlier than expected.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: P. Shilton; V. Anderson, F. Gray, J. McGovern, D. Needham, K. Burns, M. O'Neill, R. Ponte, G. Birtles, I. Wallace (sub, G. Mills), J. Robertson.

LEICESTER CITY: M. Wallington; T. Williams, W. Gibson, M. Goodwin, L. May, J. O'Neill (sub, P. Welsh), N. Grewcock, M. Henderson, A. Young, I. Wilson, R. Smith.

Referee: D. Owen (Cheshire).

Forest to experiment: In an attempt to rid football grounds of vandalism and violence Nottingham Forest are to experiment with American style entertainment. Three hours of family entertainment will be put on when the United States top club Tampa Bay Rowdies visit the City Ground on Monday, October 13.

Forest's chairman, Geoffrey Macpherson, having seen football in America, said Forest were planning three hours of entertainment with the football match in the middle. An organ to play music, cheer leaders, a shoot out at half time with Trevor Francis commentating and a jazz band.

Liverpool dig in their heels to take sting from an awkward situation

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
Southampton 2 Liverpool 2

Two of the welcome pleasures of this afflicted season have been enjoyed at Ipswich and Southampton where there is belief that Liverpool's title is to be taken to more remote regions of the football map. Ipswich play with more attention to detail but less directly than in the past and on Saturday, their manager, Bobby Robson castigated the crowd's dispassionate reaction. Southampton are still a vigorous side, no longer rustic but traditional and appealing.

There should be a campaign to encourage real football which is just as worthy as real ale or real bread. At the Dell on Saturday there was plenty of flavour; a full bodied game in which Southampton lambasted Liverpool for a large part of a roaring first half and took a pounding for much of a quieter second. The outcome was a draw but the crowd thought that if the referee had given a penalty to Southampton it would have been enough to give their team victory. Perhaps so, but the result was fair.

At times it was a rough match with tempers, particularly Keegan's, allowed to break control. Since he was playing against his former club for the first time in a league game his determination was to be expected and it was, as Southampton's manager Lawrie McMenemy said, sheer frustration that caused his dander to glow. That was in the second half when Liverpool dug their heels in the slippery turf and played the stubborn game that takes the sting from awkward situations.

Keegan, despite having just recovered from a hamstring injury, played more effectively than he did for England during the European Championship. The obvious difference was that he played in the front line where he looked much more dangerous, giving Hansen and Thompson unrelieved problems especially, and surprisingly in the air.

Southampton had two early setbacks when the referee ignored appeals that Dalglish handled the ball in the penalty area and then when Liverpool scored. Souness's goal, struck from outside the penalty area, came only eight minutes from the start, curiously, at that point Souness was the particular player most of the Southampton team would happily have brought crashing after he had rapped a few shins.

Their defensive mistake took much effort to rectify, partly because Clemence was so wonderfully alert, but by half time they led 2—1. Nicholl scored after his fellow defender, Watson, had returned a corner back across the Liverpool goalmouth, and Boyer later quickly intercepted a weak back pass from Cohen to knock in the second.

The replacement of McDermott with Irwin, usually a defender, much improved Liverpool's style, yet it was a defender, Neal, who had the largest direct influence on producing "the correct" result. McDermott had contributed little and had his name taken, although so did four other players, including Keegan who escaped being sent off for a mean foul on Cohen. He also tackled Kennedy so roughly that the Liverpool player was put in doubt for tomorrow's League Cup match against Swindon Town.

So McDermott, the penalty taker was absent when the referee could not this time refuse a penalty as two Southampton players handled the ball, McCartney making the decisive intrusion from Fairclough's shot. Neal put too little power in the kick and the ball hit the post, but he got on with the job, eagerly swooping on a flaw in Southampton's offside trap.

Neal was so far beyond the Southampton defence that he had time to centre the ball with perfect accuracy for Fairclough to head in. Much as Baker did copious work to match Liverpools' there were some weak points that Southampton will need to improve. Among them is the attitude of young Williams, a skilful midfield player who here rarely took enough responsibility.

Bob Paisley's refusal to speak after the game ("I might say something I shouldn't") was a more poignant statement of the Liverpool manager's sentiments than is sometimes available in his more approachable moments. One assumes that what riled him was not so much that Keegan kicked Kennedy and Cohen and had an apology graciously accepted by them, but that the player he had always dreamt would one day partner Dalglish was not kicking the ball for him. He still has an extremely good team.

Although no one would read too much into the first seven games of the season, the description of the championship as a marathon which takes its lasting shape in deepest winter allows for slight concern if one is last so early in the race. Crystal Palace will live with the description, "the team of the eighties" just as Martin Peters was always "ten years ahead of his time". As Terry Venables, the Palace manager, said, we are only nine months into the eighties but last season's promise was far removed from Saturday's 5—0 defeat at Everton. It must have been difficult to assess who was the more surprised by the weight of that score, home or away supporters. Latchford, scorer of three goals, has suddenly regained his popularity.

This week brings more threats to the future of Malcolm Allison, the Manchester City manager, who, after seeing his team lose 2—1 to Stoke City at Maine Road on Saturday has to take them to Luton tomorrow for a League Cup tie. The derby match with United will be at Old Trafford next Saturday. City's chairman, Peter Swales, has faced the latest "crisis" with those no longer comforting words "money is available".

SOUTHAMPTON: P. Wells; I. Golac, M. McCartney, S. Williams, D. Watson, C. Nicholl, K. Keegan, M. Channon, P. Boyer, N. Holmes, G. Baker.

LIVERPOOL: R. Clemence; P. Neal, A. Cohen, P. Thompson, R. Kennedy, A. Hansen, K. Dalglish, S. Lee, D. Fairclough, T. McDermott (sub, C. Irwin), G. Souness.

Referee: T. Bune (Cranleigh).

Pat Jennings misses Arsenal's League Cup clash against the fourth division club, Stockport County, today.

Ninety riveting minutes in hour of need

By Vince Wright
West Ham Utd 3 Watford 2

Hooligans on the rampage at such diverse places as Oldham, Cambridge and Madrid have done so much damage to football's cerdibility that it comes as a huge relief to see one's faith in the game restored. On Saturday West Ham and Watford had the perfect answer for football's detractors.

Entertaining matches are nothing new to Upton Park, but even the most optimistic among us could not have expected two second division teams to play with such verve and panache in this hour of need. West Ham's manager, John Lyall, said afterwards: "Football won today. It proved it's stronger than all its problems." The 24,000 spectators, who gave a standing ovation to both teams would be the first to agree.

In a game of high skill, attacking intentions and good sportsmanship there was a happy ending for thhe recently maligned West Ham supporters who saw that rarity—a Brooking header—flash into the net from Lampard's assist for the winning goal a minute from time. It was impossible not to sympathize with Watford who contributed so much to the crowd's enjoyment, but West Ham just about deserved both points.

Tenacity is a quality which West Ham have acquired since Mr Lyall became manager and it showed in the way they twice fought back from being a goal behind. The victory puts West Ham in second place and they have not lost in the league since the first day of the season. Watford are still without a point away from home.

West Ham began as if suffering from a European hangover. They were heavy-legged and lethargic, whereas Watford were sprightly and purposeful. Blissett and Poskett sound like a comedy double act, but West Ham failed to see the joke when this talented pair combined to score the opening goal after 26 minutes. Poskett converted Blissett's unselfish square pass from close in.

A pep talk at half time by Mr Lyall changed a previously lukewarm match into something approaching boiling point. Within seven minutes of the resumption the industrious Cross turned in Devonshire's centre at the near post for the equalizer, but almost immediately West Ham were trailing again as one full back, Jackett, headed in a cross from another, Henderson.

Bobby Barnes, a 17-year-old right winger making his first full appearance for West Ham, gave a special game its special moment by scoring in the sixty-sixth minute. He cut inside after one of many impudent, jinking runs down the flank and the shot with his favoured left foot went in off Steele's arm. And so to the dramatic climax. However, the result was less important than the manner of the contest, which accurately reflected the footballing philosophies of the respective managers.

WEST HAM UNITED: P. Parkes; R. Stewart, F. Lampard, W. Bonds, A. Martin, A. Devonshire, R. Barnes, P. Goddard, D. Cross, T. Brooking, G. Pike.

WATFORD: E. Steele; M. Henderson, K. Jackett, L. Blissett, S. Sims, I. Bolton, N. Callaghan (sub, S. Harrison), M. Poskett, R. Jenkins, R. Train, W. Rostron.

Referee: A. Robinson (Portsmouth).

McNab fears long ban

Brighton's midfield player, Neil McNab, is fearing the worst after being sent off against Norwich City for pushing Eric Read, the Bristol referee. McNab has been fined in addition to the one-match automatic FA suspension. McNab, however, is aware that he could be missing for much longer.

United frustrate the start of the Leeds renaissance

By Tom German
Leeds Utd 0 Manchester U 0

The trappings of the renaissance for which Leeds yearn were there for all to join in, but when the day was done there was little to give hope that it is imminent. How could it be when nothing has yet changed on the field. The new manager, Leeds old boy Allan Clarke, having aired his philosophy of what needs to be done first, led out his team Cup final fashion to a rapturous welcome. Thereafter there was opportunity for him to assess the dimensions of his commitment in a chair where predecessors have failed to recapture the good old days Clarke shared as a player at Elland Road.

Clarke's requirement of effort was answered noticeably in the second half of a disappointing match, but without the accompanying guile or boldness needed to ruffle Manchester who always gave the impression they would be satisfied to take a point back home.

Flynn began to trouble them more with nimble footwork and some adroit passes in the later stages of the afternoon, once he and Thomas had put their personal duels behind them—two diminutive Welsh dragons locked in fiery combat—but with neither side able to believe the stalemate on the approach routes to both goals, the positive scoring chances could be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Manchester, who recently notched five goals in a match, left us wondering how they managed it.

Though openings were scarce as sunshine in an English summer, both goalkeepers made outstanding saves. Bailey, in the first half, somehow got down to grasp Flynn's hard low shot as Connor and Parlane opened the way; in the second, Lukic distinguished himself equally in stopping Greenhoff's header from Grimes's corner kick. But these were the highlights of a largely colourless match.

LEEDS UNITED: J. Lukic; K. Hird, B. Stevenson, B. Flynn, P. Hart, N. Firm, T. Cherry, T. Connor, D. Parlane, E. Gray, A. Graham.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G. Bailey; J. Nicholl, A. Albiston, S. McIlroy, N. Jovanovic, M. Buchan, A. Grimes, J. Greenhoff, S. Coppell, L. Macari (sub M. Duxbury), M. Thomas.

Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby).

Two Policemen hit: A policeman's nose was broken when he was hit in the face by a brick at the match between Leeds United and Manchester United at Elland Road yesterday. Another policeman was also hit in the face by a brick and received cuts which required stitching. Both men were released from hospital after treatment. The police made 34 arrests for disorderly conduct and one for assault.

Weekend results and tables

First division

Aston Villa	2	Wolverhampton W	1
Birmingham	1	West Bromwich	1
Brighton	2	Norwich	0
Everton	5	Crystal Palace	0
Ipswich	2	Coventry	0
Leeds	0	Manchester Utd	0
Manchester City	1	Stoke	2
Middlesbrough	2	Arsenal	1
Nottm Forest	5	Leicester	0
Southampton	2	Liverpool	2
Tottenham H	0	Sunderland	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich Town	7	6	1	0	14	3	13
Nottm Forest	7	4	2	1	15	5	10
Southampton	7	4	2	1	15	7	10
Liverpool	7	3	3	1	14	6	9
Everton	7	4	1	2	11	7	9
Aston Villa	7	4	1	2	8	7	9
Man United	7	2	4	1	9	3	8
Sunderland	7	3	2	2	10	5	8
Arsenal	7	3	2	2	9	7	8
Tottenham H	7	2	4	1	8	7	8
Middlesbrough	7	3	2	2	10	11	8
Coventry C	7	3	1	3	8	8	7
W. B. Albion	7	2	3	2	7	8	7
Brighton	7	2	2	3	10	11	6
Birmingham C	7	1	4	2	9	10	6
Stoke City	7	2	2	3	8	15	6
Wolverhampton	7	2	1	4	5	8	5
Norwich City	7	2	0	5	9	14	4
Leeds United	7	1	2	4	5	12	4
Leicester C	7	2	0	5	4	14	4
Man City	7	0	3	4	8	15	3
Crystal Palace	7	1	0	6	10	21	2

Second division

Blackburn	2	Grimsby	0
Bolton	1	Swansea	4
Bristol City	0	Notts County	1
Cardiff	2	Bristol Rovers	1
Chelsea	1	Preston NE	1
Derby	0	Wrexham	1
Luton	2	Orient	1
Newcastle	0	Oldham	0
Sheffield Wed	1	QP Rangers	0
Shrewsbury	2	Cambridge Utd	1
West Ham Utd	3	Watford	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn R	7	5	2	0	13	4	12
West Ham U	7	4	2	1	13	5	10
Notts County	7	4	2	1	9	8	10
Swansea C	7	4	1	2	10	6	9
Sheffield Wed	7	4	1	2	8	5	9
Derby County	7	4	1	2	9	9	9
Oldham Ath	7	3	2	2	7	4	8
Wrexham	7	4	0	3	10	8	8
Newcastle U	7	3	2	2	7	10	8
Cardiff City	7	3	1	3	10	10	7
Luton Town	7	3	1	3	8	10	7
Bolton W	7	2	2	3	9	8	6
Orient	7	2	2	3	11	11	6
Chelsea	7	2	2	3	9	10	6
Watford	7	3	0	4	9	11	6
Preston NE	7	1	4	2	5	7	6
Shrewsbury T	7	2	2	3	8	12	6
Cambridge U	7	2	1	4	8	10	5
Grimsby Town	7	1	3	3	4	8	5
Q P Rangers	7	1	2	4	7	7	4
Bristol Rovers	7	0	4	3	4	11	4
Bristol City	7	0	3	4	3	7	3

Third division

Barnsley	2	Swindon	0
Blackpool	0	Brentford	3
Charlton	1	Colchester	2
Chester	0	Burnley	0
Chesterfield	3	Newport	2
Fulham	2	Walsall	3
Huddersfield	1	Sheffield Utd	0
Hull City	2	Portsmouth	1
Millwall	1	Exeter	0
Oxford Utd	1	Carlisle	2
Plymouth	4	Gillingham	1
Rotherham	2	Reading	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth A	8	3	5	0	16	8	11
Sheffield United	8	5	0	3	14	6	10
Exeter City	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Chesterfield	8	4	2	2	13	9	10
Fulham	8	4	2	2	13	10	10
Barnsley	8	4	2	2	20	8	10
Portsmouth	8	5	0	3	10	8	10
Rotherham U	8	3	3	2	10	7	9
Brentford	8	4	1	3	13	11	9
Charlton Ath	8	4	1	3	10	8	9
Reading	8	4	1	3	11	11	9
Burnley	8	3	2	3	6	6	8
Huddersfield	8	3	2	3	6	6	8
Walsall	8	3	1	4	10	11	7
Colchester U	8	3	1	4	9	11	7
Millwall	8	3	1	4	7	9	7
Gillingham	8	2	3	3	8	11	7
Blackpool	8	3	1	4	9	14	7
Hull	8	1	4	3	9	12	6
Carlisle U	8	2	2	4	7	15	6
Newport County	7	2	1	4	12	12	5
Chester	7	2	1	4	2	5	5
Oxford U	8	2	1	5	4	5	5
Swindon T	8	2	0	6	8	17	4

Fourth division

Aldershot	1	Mansfield	0
Crewe	2	Halifax	1
Hartlepool	2	Hereford	1
Peterborough	1	Bournemouth	0
Port Vale	4	Darlington	1
Rochdale	0	Bradford City	1
Wigan Ath	2	Bury	1
Wimbledon	0	Lincoln	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aldershot	8	6	1	1	10	3	13
Lincoln City	8	5	2	1	12	3	12
Southend Utd	7	5	1	1	13	3	11
Peterborough	8	3	4	1	14	9	10
Doncaster R	8	5	0	3	13	11	10
Hartlepool	8	4	1	3	11	7	9
Mansfield T	8	4	1	3	9	6	9
Bradford City	8	2	5	1	11	9	9
Stockport Co	8	3	3	2	10	10	9
Wigan Athletic	7	4	0	3	6	6	8
Bournemouth	8	3	2	3	4	6	8
Torquay Utd	8	3	1	4	9	8	7
Wimbledon	8	3	1	4	5	7	7
Rochdale	8	2	3	3	12	14	7
Darlington	8	3	1	4	10	12	7
Scunthorpe U	8	1	5	2	7	10	7
Crewe Alex	8	2	3	3	7	12	7
York City	7	2	2	3	6	7	6
Halifax Town	8	2	2	4	4	13	6
Northampton T	8	2	1	5	6	8	5
Tranmere R	7	2	1	4	6	8	5
Port Vale	8	2	1	5	9	13	5
Hereford U	8	1	3	4	6	14	5
Bury	8	2	0	6	12	16	4

Scottish premier division

Celtic	1	Airdrieonians	1
Hearts	0	Morton	1
Kilmarnock	1	Rangers	8
Partick Th	0	Aberdeen	1
St Mirren	2	Dundee Utd	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	6	4	2	0	20	6	10
Aberdeen	6	4	2	0	14	2	10
Celtic	6	4	1	1	13	5	9
Airdrieonians	6	1	4	1	5	[illegible]	6
St Mirren	6	2	1	3	9	8	5
Morton	6	2	1	3	6	13	5
Hearts	6	2	0	4	6	9	4
Dundee United	6	0	4	2	6	10	4
Partick Thistle	6	2	0	4	5	12	4
Kilmarnock	6	1	1	4	4	16	3

Scottish first division

Berwick	3	Motherwell	2
Clydebank	2	Ayr	2
Dundee	4	Falkirk	0
Dunfermline	0	St Johnstone	2
E Stirlingshire	2	Stirling Albion	0
Hamilton	1	Hibernian	1
Raith Rovers	4	Dumbarton	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hibernian	8	5	2	1	14	5	12
Raith Rovers	8	5	2	1	12	7	12
St Johnstone	9	4	3	2	9	6	11
Hamilton Acad	8	3	3	2	19	9	9
Ayr United	7	3	3	1	12	7	9
Clydebank	8	3	3	2	18	14	9
Dumbarton	8	3	3	2	16	12	9
Dunfermline	8	3	2	3	10	8	8
East Stirling	8	2	4	2	12	13	8
Falkirk	9	3	1	5	13	19	7
Motherwell	8	2	2	4	13	18	6
Stirling Albion	8	2	1	5	2	10	5
Berwick Range	9	1	3	5	9	28	5
Dundee	8	1	2	5	9	12	4

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers	2	Brechin	3
Forfar	7	Queen of South	2
Meadowbank	0	Clyde	2
Montrose	2	Alloa	1
Queen's Park	2	East Fife	1
Stenhousemuir	1	Cowdenbeath	1
Stranraer	0	Arbroath	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queen's Park	9	5	3	1	18	8	13
Alloa	9	4	4	1	14	7	12
Clyde	8	5	1	2	15	9	11
Forfar Athletic	9	4	3	2	17	13	11
Queen of South	9	3	4	2	18	17	10
Cowdenbeath	9	3	4	2	12	12	10
Stenhousemuir	9	2	4	3	16	15	8
Montrose	9	3	2	4	13	13	8
Arbroath	9	3	2	4	16	18	8
Albion Rovers	8	3	2	3	11	13	8
East Fife	9	3	1	5	12	16	7
Brechin City	9	3	1	5	10	15	7
Stranraer	9	2	2	5	6	16	6
Meadowbank	9	2	1	6	11	19	5

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Boreham Wood 2, Barking 2; Carshalton Athletic 3, Walthamstow Avenue 3; Dagenham 1, Hendon 0; Dulwich Hamlet 2, Hitchin Town 0; Enfield 1, Sutton United 1; Harlow Town 1, Wycombe Wanderers 3; Hayes 3, Croydon 1; Leatherhead 0, Harrow Borough 0; Leytonstone & Ilford 1, Woking 3; Slough Town 2, Tooting & Mitcham 1; Staines Town 1, Bromley 3. First division: Camberley Town 1, Walton & Hersham 2; Clapton 0, Oxford City 1; Epsom & Ewell 1, Bishop's Stortford 1; Hampton 1, Hertford Town 1; Kingstonian 4, Chesham United 2; Maidenhead United 1, Lewes 2; Ware 2, Metropolitan Police 0; Wembley 2, Finchley 0; Wokingham Town 3, St Albans City 2. Second division: Cheshunt 3, Hemel Hempstead 0; Eastbourne United 1, Hungerford Town 3; Egham Town 0, Willesden 5; Feltham 1, Dorking Town 0; Molesey 1, Epping Town 0; Southall 1, Letchworth G.C. 0; Tring Town 2, Horsham 1; Worthing 1, Harwich & Parkeston 2.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Banstead Athletic 1, Harefield United 0; Burnham 5, Alton 0; Chalfont St Peter 0, Grays Athletic 2; Edgware 0, Windsor & Eton 1; Hoddesdon Town 2, Haringey Borough 1; Ruislip Manor 1, Fleet Town 0; Welling United 1, Uxbridge 2.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Cholmeleians 0, Old Aldenhamians 0.

IRISH LEAGUE: Ulster Cup: Ards 1, Glentoran 2; Cliftonville 3, Distillery 3; Glenavon 0, Portadown 2; Larne 2, Coleraine 3. Postponed: Crusaders v Ballymena.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Barnet 3, Altrincham 2; Bath 2, Barrow 1; Gravesend 1, Boston United 2; Maidstone 1, Bangor City 0; Nuneaton 3, A. P. Leamington 0; Stafford Rangers 0, Telford 0; Wealdstone 1, Kettering 1; Weymouth 1, Scarborough 1; Worcester 2, Northwich Victoria 1; Yeovil 0, Frickley 3.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Bedworth 0, Banbury 0; Bromsgrove 2, Gloucester 2; Cambridge City 3, Wellingborough 0; Cheltenham 1, Trowbridge 0; Corby 4, Taunton 1; Enderby 0, Alvechurch 1; Merthyr Tydfil 1, Kidderminster 1; Minehead 7, Milton Keynes 1; Witney Town 1, Barry 3. Postponed: Redditch v Bridgend. Southern division: Ashford 0, Salisbury 4; Bognor Regis 1, Basingstoke 1; Dorchester 0, Dover 0; Folkestone 3, Chelmsford 1; Gosport 3, Aylesbury 0; Hillingdon 0, Addlestone and Weybridge 1; Hounslow 1, Canterbury 2; Margate 1, Dartford 2; Poole 1, Fareham Town 1; Tonbridge 1, Andover 1; Waterlooville 3, Dunstable 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup, second round: Grantham 0, Runcorn 1; Lancaster 1, Burton Albion 2; Macclesfield 2, Buxton 2; Marine 1, Gateshead 0; Netherfield 2, Mossley 2; Tamworth 2, Gainsborough 2; Witton Albion 3, Matlock 0. League: Goole 1, Workington 0; King's Lynn 3, Southport 0; Morecambe 2, Oswestry 0.

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Stockport County v Arsenal.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Third round, first leg: Hamilton Academicals v Celtic.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Second round, first leg: Altrincham v Boston United; Nuneaton v Wealdstone.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Chelmsford v Hounslow; Bedford v Enderby; Poole v Basingstoke; Kidderminster v Bromsgrove.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Lancaster v Gateshead; Marine v Burton Albion; Tamworth v Witton Albion.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Cup: Second round: Croydon v Ware.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Alleyn's Dulwich 3, Latymer Upper 0; Archbishop Tenison's 3, Cardinal Vaughan 1; Charterhouse 1, Old Carthusians 4; Eton 2, Lancing 0; Forest 3, Westminster 2; Harvey 3, Homewood 1; Kimbolton 1, Hunts Youth XI 2; King Edward's, Witley 5, Ardingly 3; Repton 4, Liverpool Ramblers 2; St Edmund's, Canterbury 2, Old Boys 0; St Lawrence, Bradford-on-Avon 2, Sexey's, Bruton 5; Wellingborough 0, Northants Youth XI 4.

European leagues

DUTCH: Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 2, FC Utrecht 1; NAC Breda 1, FC Twente Enschede 2; PSV Eindhoven 2, MVV Maastricht 2; FC Den Hague 2, PEC Zwolle 3; Roda JC Kerkrade 1, Willem Tilburg 1; FC Wageningen 0, Feyenoord 1; Excelsior Rotterdam 2, Ajax Amsterdam 4; FC Groningen 2, NEC Nijmegen 0; Sparta Rotterdam 3, AZ '67 Alkmaar 7.

AUSTRIAN: Vienna Sportclub 3, Sturm Graz 1; Rapid 2, Austria Vienna 5; Eisenstadt 1, Admira Wacker 3; Lask, Austria Salzburg 0; Gak, Voest Linz 0.

WEST GERMAN: VFL Bochum 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Arminia Bielefeld 3, Fortuna Dusseldorf 0; VFB Stuttgart 1, Bayern Munich 3; Karlsruhe SC 3, Schalke 04 2; 1. FC Nuremberg 0, 1. FC Kaiserslautern 4; 1860 Munich 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 0; Bayer Leverkusen 3, Borussia Dortmund 1; Hamburger SV 3, Bayer Uerdingen 1; MSV Duisburg 3, 1. FC Cologne 4.

EAST GERMAN: Dynamo Berlin 1, Magdeburg 1; Karl-Marx-Stadt 1, Dynamo Dresden 2; Hansa Rostock 1, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1; Chemie Boehlen 1, Wismut Aue 0; Stahl Riesa 1, Vorwaerts Frankfurt/Oder 1; Carl Zeiss Jena 2, Lok Leipzig 1; Chemie Halle 4, Sachsenring Zwickau 2.

BELGIAN: Anderlecht 1, Standard 1; Beerschot 1, RWDM 0; [illegible] 4, Winterslag 3; Waregem 3, Gent 0; FC Liege 0, Lierse 2; Lokeren 5, Cercle Bruges 0; FC Bruges 4, Berchem 0; Waterschei 1, Beveren 0; Antwerp 1, Courtrai 0.

GREEK: AEK 3, Olympiakos 1; Aris 2, Panathinaikos 0; Larisa 0, Paok 0; Ethnikos 1, Panionios 1; Panachaiki 1, Kavala 0; Kastoria 3, Atromitos 1; Doxa 4, Yannina 1; OFI 1, Korinthos 0; Apollon 3, Panseraikos 1.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 3, Napoli 3; Avellino 2, Fiorentina 3; Catanzaro 1, Torino 0; Inter 4, Cagliari 1; Juventus 2, Como 0; Perugia 0, Bologna 0; Pistoiese 1, Udinese 0; Roma 1, Brescia 0.

PORTUGUESE: Benfica 2, Portimonense 0; Penafiel 0, Sporting 2; Belenenses 1, Guimaraes 0; Braga 4, Amora 1; Setubal 0, Maritimo 0; Funchal 3, Boavista 0; Porto 1, Espinho 0; Academico De Viseu 0, Varzim 2; Academico De Coimbra 0.

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…allacher achieves a …esire to play …n his own course

…hn Hennessy

…ard Gallacher, a Yeoman …itish professional golf for …than a decade, yesterday … his first victory in a Euro-…tournament since spending …in Paris last year. He won …ournament Players' cham-…ip, sponsored by Haig …y with a final round of 69 …four-round total of 268 for …586 yards course. Nicholas …(67 yesterday) and Bern-…Langer, of West Germany …ared second place on 271. …as, surprisingly, Gallacher's …win in this country since …and certainly one of the …t of his whole career. It …tees him a place beyond a …ature in the World Match …ournament next month on …wn course at Wentworth.

…Thus he achieves one of …rished desires, after being …a unwanted official reserve …nce a sourned unofficial … Since even first round …at Wentworth receive …his win yesterday was …£13,000. Winning at Went-…would exactly treble that.

…pite of an overnight lead …ee strokes, this had all …unlikely over the first few …when Gallacher, consumed …nerves ("It was quite …), could not come to terms …is game at all. He got …utory birdie four at the …492 yards) as every good …ional should, but only …a swinging approach shot …ly evaded a bunker.

…he second hole he pulled …ve into the trees, allowing …fickle wind that took no …and could only hack the …ward 50 yards or so. Still …rough, he took four to …and so dropped two shots. …nd the trees again at the …nd achieved a five only …ing up and down from a

…his was far removed from …e Gallacher, as he showed …e rest of his round. He …s tee shot to the short …within a yard, took the …onal's four at the long …59 yards) and holed from …t for another birdie at …t. He now felt secure, his …stalled.

…so, it had not been entirely …horse race. Ballesteros's …e had faded, but Faldo was …y replacement and at one …e closed to within a stroke …cher by virtue of a superb … that demanding 10th, …t what he himself described …o great shots", with his …od, and rolled in the putt …x feet. Alas, he struck a …ro iron" over the back of … green and, with Gallacher …middle of his purple patch … the turn, that effectively …f his chance.

Faldo: two iron too big.

Faldo was playing with Ballesteros who yesterday fulfilled lingering American opinion of that Masters champion. He scrambled his four at the first without touching the fairway, unless a patch of turf a foot short of a fairway bunker can be so described, and thereafter hardly put a foot what he would call right. He seemed to have been under the weather, by the last hole the blight, before which he overshot the greens, and the out-of-bounds, by a bricker pitch and more and took four more to get down. The black mood descended then and remained with him yesterday.

Langer, the son of an Augsburg bricklayer, with no golf in his family pedigree, had given us a taste of his quality with a 64 earlier in the week. This time he took 65, he is a splendid striker of the ball and had not a few near misses got away from him on the green, heaven knows what score he might have put together. As it was he achieved his best result yet in professional golf and his biggest prize, £4,690.

268: B. Gallacher, 68, 65, 66, 69 (£9,000). 271: B. Langer (WG), 71, 64, 71, 65; N. Faldo, 69, 68, 67, 67 (£4,690 each). 273: S. Torrance, 69, 68, 67, 69; D. Watson (SA), 68, 67, 70, 68; B. Charles (NZ), 68, 67, 69, 69 (£2,800 each). 274: J. Britz, 68, 72, 67, 67; S. Ballesteros (Spain), 67, 66, 69, 72. 275: B. Barnes, 71, 67, 68, 69; A. Jacklin, 70, 67, 70, 68; W. Humphreys, 68, 69, 67, 71. 276: M. James, 70, 71, 68, 67. 277: E. Murray, 70, 70, 72, 65; M. Pinero (Spain), 70, 69, 70, 68; B. Waites, 73, 69, 65, 70. 278: D. Townsend, 72, 71, 68, 67; T. Horton, 70, 69, 70, 69; D. Evans, 68, 69, [illegible]; S. Ginn (Australia), [illegible], 72. 279: H. Baiocchi (SA), 72, 70, 71, 66; N. Coles, 71, 68, 72, 68; N. Job, 72, 67, 72, 68; G. Player, 70, 70, 69, 70; D. Smyth, 69, 70, 69, 71; P. Curry, 72, 69, 68, 70; H. Clark, 69, 68, 69, 73. 280: E. Darcy, 69, 68, 75, 68; C. O'Connor, 73, 67, 73, 67; S. Martin, 69, 72, 69, 70; M. Ballesteros (Spain), 70, 71, 66, 73. 281: J. Canizares (Spain), 70, 71, 70, 70; G. Cullen, 68, 68, 76, 69; D. Durnian, 73, 71, 68, 69. 282: G. Brand, 68, 71, 71, 72; D. Ingram, 71, 69, 70, 72; D. Cooper, 70, 71, 69, 72; T. Charnley, 72, 70, 70, 70. 283: E. Hughes, 70, 73, 72, 68; S. Owen (NZ), 70, 73, 68, 72.

…pert round by Swiss girl …ns tables on Italians

…Peter Ryde

…Sept 21

…lliant final round of 67 by …ar-old Swiss girl, Regine …gave that country victory …ly by three strokes, out of …of more than 900, in the …n Plas Trophy at the La …course here today.

…ch of the three occasions …on has been won by the …s contribution to the total. …utens's score of 215, was …der par for three rounds. …thout drawing invidious …isons, the women's total of …ning team was 40 strokes …than that of the women's …England. While Switzer-…d Italy were locked in a …first place which enthral-… local population, England …otland, out of contention, …aving their own private …or third place.

…as largely due to Belle …on, who had a final 73, …r than either of her rivals …hat Scotland, five strokes …England in the men's sec-…rew ahead and finished …erall with a total of 920 …es behind Italy in second …England were fourth on

…led Switzerland by one …fter two rounds yesterday …Italian men opened up an …oke lead as the women …r. It was as well for the …tmosphere of this event …itzerland's victory, when …was by three strokes, for …d been instrumental in …Miss Buscaini of Italy …d two strokes for incor-…eplacing her ball on the …en. The putt was a tap-in …Irish pair, playing with …d not noticed the mis-…t Miss de Werra of the …team reported it and it …itted.

…incident reflected more …f keenness on the Swiss …ir sense of sportsmanship. …ughts on this were swept away as the female pairs of the two countries reached the turn in the final round with the overall position level. They were level again with six holes to play and then as Miss de Werra took seven at the 10th, Italy got their noses in front by two strokes with three holes to play.

But Miss de Werra had shown great spirit all the week. She holed from 20ft for a birdie at the 16th and her irrepressible young partner followed her in from about the same. At the 17th Miss Braito hit her second into the water but she and Mrs Buscaini played with courage and spirit throughout. To make doubly sure the two Swiss birdied the 18th, Miss Lautens pitching to four ft. to the dazed delight of their male partners. She seemed to be quite without nerves.

The long and difficult course, made longer by today's heavy atmosphere and sopping grass, proved too much for the English girls and for a good many others, but England had the satisfaction of winning the men's section by five strokes from Scotland. The last day went well for the home players. McEvoy, Brand and Evans who continues to wear his amateur crown well, were low scorers with level par of 72. Deeble was a rock of steadiness and McEvoy, who had shown signs of staleness, got things going today.

907: Ireland (R. Rafferty 229, M. Bannon 232, C. [illegible] 234, C. Hourihane 242). Individual: men: 217: [illegible]. 218: E. Svelland (Norway 67, 75, 76); 219: G. Brand (Scotland, 74, 72, 73); 219: P. Ploujoux (France, 73, 70, 76); B. Nolte (Netherlands, 73, 70, 76); 220: P. Deeble (England, 72, 74, 74); 221: P. McEvoy (England, 76, 73, 72); D. Evans (Wales, 74, 75, 73); 222: R. Rafferty (Ireland, 75, 71, 76).

Women's section: Team scores: 441: Switzerland; 464: Italy; 475: Scotland (B. Robertson 226, F. Anderson 249); 478: Wales (A. Briggs 233, M. Rawlings 242); 476: Spain; 480: Denmark. Individual: Women: 215: R. Lautens (Switzerland 71, 77, 67); 225: M. Buscaini (Italy 73, 78, 74); 226: M. C. de Werra (Switzerland 77, 76, 73); B. Robertson (Scotland 74, 79, 73); 229: E. Braito (Italy 76, 76, 77); 233: A. Briggs (Wales 81, 76, 76).

Three Troikas takes the right road

Racing

From Desmond Stoneham

French Racing Correspondent

Paris, Sept 21

Dunette beat Three Troikas by half a length in the 10-furlong Prix de Prince d'Orange at Longchamp this afternoon. Neither filly was given a hard race and both will line up for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in a fortnight's time. Third place went to Northern Baby, who was followed home by Viteric, Providential, Moulouki and Strong Gale.

Criquette Head, the trainer, was happy with the performance of Three Troikas, who had not run since damaging a metacarpal bone in the Prix Dollar on June 1 when she was beaten by both Northern Baby and Strong Gale. Studying her filly after the race, Madame Head commented: "You can't say she didn't run well after such a long lay-off. She must have been rusty so I am very pleased."

Her brother, Freddie, the jockey, was slightly less positive about the performance of Three Troikas. He said: "I thought I'd win a furlong out, but she finished badly. Today she changed her legs frequently and didn't come down the hill too well." Dunette has now defeated Three Troikas on two occasions, the first being in the Prix de Diane in June last year.

Emmanuel Chevalier du Fau, the trainer, was relieved to see Dunette race so well. The filly had a severe bout of colic a week ago, but did nothing wrong today. Philippe Paquet and Northern Baby led Viteric and Dunette for much of the race with Three Troikas bowling along in 5th position. A furlong out, Dunette came between Northern Baby and Viteric and was not pressed to hold off Three Troikas, who made up a considerable amount of ground in the straight.

There must be a doubt that Three Troikas is yet the brilliant filly she was last year when winning the Arc de Triomphe by three lengths from Le Marmot. What will happen in the next couple of weeks is anybody's guess and all one can say is that Three Troikas is on the right path. Dunette ran fourth in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes behind Ela-Mana-Mou, Mrs Penny and Gregorian. They have all won group one races since, so the odds of a foreign-trained horse winning France's richest race next month must be fairly short.

François Boutin gained recompense for Corvaro's fourth in the Joe McGrath Memorial Stakes at Leopardstown yesterday when Miswaki was first past the post in the group one Prix de la Salamandre. In a driving finish, he was a head up on Prince Mab at the post and the pair were five lengths clear of Silver Express, Travolta and the 6-4 favourite, Ancient Regime, who finished last.

While talking to Boutin after the race he told me about Corvaro's misfortune in Ireland yesterday. "They massacred my colt and he nearly fell rounding the final turn. The winner then drove Corvaro up the middle of the track." While at Leopardstown, Boutin saw the victory of Storm Bird in the Larkspur Stakes and this has forced him to change the programme of Miswaki, who was to have met Storm Bird in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket. He said: "Storm Bird looks too good. I may not race Miswaki again this season."

John Fellows was worried about the state of Ancient Regime after the race. He described her as most distressed and possibly suffering from a virus. Alec Head will next race Prince Mab in the group three Prix Eclipse at St Cloud on October 13. Although the colt has been placed in group one events on two occasions, he has yet to win a group race of any kind.

What A Joy won the group three Prix du Lutece from Dhaubix, Tom's Serenade and Goldiko, but the stewards demoted Dhaubix to fourth place for interfering with Goldiko at the furlong marker. Bernard Secly will next race What A Joy in the Prix Royal-Oak (French St Leger) on October 26 together with his stable companion, Valiant Heart, who will miss the Arc de Triomphe.

Other news is that Alain Lequeux may ride Robert Sangster's Detroit in the Arc, as Providential did not run well enough to take his chance, on Sunday week. Olivier Douieb is sending Sangster's Phydilla for the *Cheveley Park Stakes* at Newmarket with Lequeux in the saddle and possibly the Prix Robert Papin winner, Irish Playboy, for the Middle Park Stakes.

Tomorrow, Lequeux rides for the first time following his suspension. He should partner Kilijaro to win the six furlong Prix de Seine-et-Oise at Maisons-Laffitte. Boitron looks the danger.

Going good to soft.

PRIX DE LA SALAMANDRE (Group I: 2-y-o: £27,933: 7f)

MISWAKI, ch c, by Mr Prospector—Hopespringseternal (Mrs A. Firestone). 8-11 ... P. Paquet 1

Prince Mab ... F. Head 2

Silver Express ... A. Gibert 3

ALSO RAN: Travolta (4th), Ancient Regime. 5 ran.

PARI-MUTUEL: win, 5.10 Fr; places 1.70, 2.10. F. Boutin. hd, 5l. 1min 23.7sec.

PRIX DU PRINCE D'ORANGE (Group III: £25,769: 1¼m)

DUNETTE, b f Hard to Beat—Prim (Mrs H. Lavy). ... G. Doleuze 1

Three Troikas ... F. Head 2

Northern Baby ... P. Paquet 3

ALSO RAN: Viteric (4th), Providential, Moulouki, Strong Gale. 7 ran.

PARI-MUTUEL: win, 5.90 Fr; places 1.90, 1.20. E. Chevalier du Fau. ½l, [illegible]. 2min 9.8sec.

Hern's Arc pair stay clear of the virus

By Michael Seely

"Ela-Mana-Mou and Ninisk have so far escaped the coughing epidemic which has been spreading at West Ilsley. "Half my horses are now coughing", Dick Hern said yesterday. "But my Arc runners are still all right. However, it is a worrying situation."

The season's leading trainer continued: "Only a few have temperatures. The rest have runny noses. With luck it might be over in time to give my more backward two-year-olds a run at the end of October." Hern's proposed raiders at Ascot include Nelrino and Bustomi. Nelrino's objective is the Royal Lodge Stakes on Saturday and Bustomi's the Mornington Stakes on Friday.

A feast of racing is in store at the three-day meeting. The meeting of Kris, Posse and Known Fact in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on Saturday is building up to be the race of the season. However, this will only be the highlight. The Royal Lodge is a solidly established trial for the following season's classics. In the last three years Shirley Heights, Hawaiian Sound, Ela-Mana-Mou and Troy have all staked their claims to recognition in this one mile test.

Next Saturday such talented colts as Gielgud, Recitation and Robellino are under orders. And from the account of Storm Bird's win in Ireland on Saturday we will be glad to see a top class performance by a two-year-old trained in this country.

Saturday's two-year-old races at Newbury were a triumph for Jack Holt, the Basingstoke trainer, who won the Mill Reef Stakes with Sweet Monday. Holt's Swing Easy colt, Swinging Rhythm, was also awarded the Harwell Stakes on the disqualification of Holmbury Lad, whose jockey, Greville Starkey, collected a six-day suspension for careless riding.

It is hard to know what to make of the Mill Reef form. After winning a maiden race at Goodwood, Sweet Monday's limitations seemed to have been exposed at Kempton Park, where he could finish only fourth behind Cut Throat. However, Holt said after Saturday's race: "Sweet Monday jumped a path at Kempton. Otherwise, he'd have been in the shake-up."

Another Realm, the 15-8 favourite, finished a disappointing fourth, but Frank Durr said: "Another Realm has been coughing. I may have been a little too easy on him. But this should put him right for the Middle Park Stakes." Durr's astonishing run of success continued when the 9-4 favourite, Etching, gave the Newmarket trainer his fiftieth victory of the season in the Peter Hastings Stakes.

The performance of the day was undoubtedly that of Castle Keep in the Coral Autumn Cup. John Dunlop's three-year-old had a difficult task at the weights, but could not have accomplished it with more authority.

Quickening as only a top class horse can, Castle Keep sprinted past Laska Floko below the distance and then battled on bravely to hold off the challenge of Shady Nook. "I thought we were in trouble two furlongs out," Carson said. "But when Castle Keep saw the gap he just took off."

Saturday's winner remains in training as a four-year-old but will only run in the Irish St Leger if the ground is reasonable. His only other possible target could be the St Simon Stakes at Newbury on October 25. "Willie says the going was pretty dead today," Dunlop said. "We won't run again this year unless conditions are right."

Castle Keep's breeder, Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, made one of her rare racecourse visits to watch Ragstone's half brother win. "This is a better horse than Ragstone was at a similar stage in his career," the winner's delighted owner said.

At Bath today Witchingham Lass looks reasonably treated in the Lyegrove Handicap after her success in an apprentice race at Doncaster. Two likely winners at *Leicester are Tom Waugh's filly,* Rose of Raby in the Metrostore Nursery and Michael Stoute's Silver Snow, ridden by Lester Piggott in the Filbert Fillies Stakes.

STATE OF GOING (official): Bath: good. Leicester: firm. Plumpton: good. Tomorrow: Lingfield: good. Sedgefield: good to firm.

Storm Bird wings home

From an Irish Racing Correspondent

Dublin, Sept 21

Vincent O'Brien enjoyed one of his best days of the current flat season at Leopardstown on Saturday when he saddled three winners for three different owners employing three different jockeys. The riding arrangements underwent a sudden change after Tommy Murphy sustained a broken ankle when pulling up John A. Mulcahy's Critique, who had beaten his 15 rivals in the Oldbawn Maiden by 10 lengths.

Critique, a home-bred, blinkered son of Roberto, cannoned off the rails some way past the winning post and Murphy had to be taken to hospital. This left Gregorian and Storm Bird without partners. O'Brien was quick to avail himself of the services of George McGrath for Gregorian and engaged Steve Cauthen for Storm Bird.

Storm Bird carried Robert Sangster's silks to a brilliant win in the Larkspur Stakes, an event named after the first of the five Vincent O'Brien-trained winners of the Epsom Derby. Storm Bird appeared to have a tough fight on his hands in giving 7lb to Band Practice, but it proved no contest.

Cauthen held Storm Bird up for the first half of the race, but once he loosed the reins, he was quickly clear of his field. Band Practice attempted a run early in the straight, but could never get in a blow at the favourite, who cruised home a four-length winner.

The odds about Storm Bird for next year's 2,000 Guineas and Derby were sharply reduced after he had retained his unbeaten record. Sean Graham, an Irish bookmaker, quoted him at 5-1 for the Newmarket classic and 8-1 for the Derby.

Leicester programme

2.15 GADDESBY STAKES (£1,090: 1¼m)

2 00 Brewmaster (D), J. Mulhall, 7-8-5 ... — 5
3 4-00 Rypidion, D. Leslie, 5-8-5 ... — 13
4 -000 Tabernacle, K. Bridgwater, 7-8-5 ... Nolan 8
10 1-00 Walmart (CD), J. Spearing, 4-8-5 Rawlinson 11
11 000- Langdon's Pride, R. Hollinshead, 4-8-5 Carberry 16
12 -011 Field Day (D), J. Dunlop, 3-8-2 Newnham 19
13 -0 Suzuki, B. Palling, 4-8-0 ... Christopher 4
19 0 Parti-Prism, R. Atkins, 5-8-0 ... Bronton 5
20 -00-0 Regal Fleece, M. Jarvis, 4-8-0 ... Ford 17
21 000 Regon Clipper, V. Soane, 4-8-0 ... Carlmill 10
22 324 Welsh Display, P. Walwyn, 3-8-0 ... Moseley 3
24 -041 Manitoba (C), J. Gilbert, 3-7-11 ... Young 12
25 000 Miss Hippolyta, G. Balding, 3-7-11 ... Bryan 2
26 -100 Quilpee Mai, A. Goodwill, 3-7-11 ... M. Jones 7
27 240 Fair Duel, P. Makin, 3-7-9 ... Fozzard 14
29 -000 Acushla Macree, R. Houghton, 3-7-6 ... Price 6
30 000 Bela Gold, R. Hollinshead, 3-7-6 Anderson 18
32 -000 Pearl of Price, A. Hide, 3-7-6 ... —
37 004 Silmira, Mrs R. Lomax, 3-7-6 ... Coughlin 15

5-2 Field Day, 7-2 Welsh Display, 9-2 Miss Hippolyta, 6-1 Quilpee Mai, 8-1 Manitoba, 10-1 Acushla Macree, 14-1 Silmira, 16-1 others.

2.45 RANCLIFFE STAKES (3-y-o: £769: 1¼m)

1 013 'C' Top (D), P. Rohan, 9-5 ... Dwyer 16
4 -000 Hamburger, F. Yardley, 9-5 ... O'Leary 17
6 042 Moment of Weakness, P. Cole, 9-5 ... Piggott 6
7 000 Pipal, T. Fairhurst, 9-5 ... Gray 11
9 004 North Sea Tiger, J. Tierney, 8-11 ... Bond 12
10 400 Pulham Venture, D. Weeden, 8-11 ... Young 9
11 400 Super Fit, W. Clay, 8-11 ... —
12 0-00 Act Promptly, J. Gifford, 8-8 ... Raymond 18
13 000 Buckenham Belle, C. Wildman, 8-8 ... —
14 0-00 Charles Who, C. Booth, 8-8 ... Oldroyd 14
16 304 City Link Express, R. Ashworth, 8-8 ... Rouse 1
17 300 Glisseen, F. Durr, 8-8 ... Thomas 5
18 200 Greaterport, K. Stone, 8-8 ... Wigham 3
19 000 Klaven, P. Bevan, 8-8 ... McNamee 4
20 040 Ladyswood, J. Haine, 8-8 ... Swinburn 13
21 009 Raina, T. Kersey, 8-8 ... Moss 10
22 -026 Stewart's Rise, D. McMahon, 8-8 ... Curant 8

7-4 'C' Top, 11-4 Moment Of Weakness, 9-2 Glisseen, 7-1 Pulham Venture, 8-1 City Link Express, 12-1 Greaterport, 13-1 others.

3.15 METROSTORE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £3,662: 7f)

2 000 Carry on Again, R. Armstrong, 9-4 Piggott 1
4 202 Hot Wind, B. Hobbs, 9-0 ... Baxter 2
5 030 Isomeric, H. Price, 8-12 ... Rouse 8
6 -020 Leith Gleam, M. E. Francis, 8-10 I. Johnson 3
10 201 Soapiras, W. Guest, 8-10 ... Rimmer 5 6
11 202 Rose of Raby, T. Waugh, 8-8 ... Carson 10
15 000 Spadmerino, G. Balding, 8-6 ... Weaver 4
17 003 Dolkas, I. Walker, 7-12 ... Crossley 5 5
18 000 Blue Rhapsody, A. Goodwill, 7-9 ... Darley 4
19 100 Sideline (D), K. Ivory, 7-7 ... Robinson 7

3-1 Carry On Again, 100-30 Hot Wind, 4-1 Rose Of Raby, 11-2 Soapiras, 13-2 Isomeric, 12-1 Sideline, 14-1 others.

3.45 APOLLO HANDICAP (£1,904: 6f)

4 202 Tribal Eye (CD), P. Cole, 5-9-13 ... — 5
5 000 Leader of the Pack (D), R. Hollinshead, 4-9-12 Swinburn 10
7 200 Alpine Rocket (D), G. Balding, 5-9-9 Bryan 7 7
11 022 Nous, R. McCormick (Ire), 5-9-6 ... Piggott 22
16 223 Westbury, W. Guest, 7-9-5 ... Raymond 8
17 000 Inzora, P. Kelleway, 5-9-2 ... Lowe 11
18 000 Courageous Buzby, B. McMahon, 4-9-1 Dwyer 6
20 000 Gellifawr, V. Soane, 4-8-13 ... — 1
22 004 Viva (D), W. Guest, 3-8-12 ... Curant 23
25 003 Roman Scribe (CD), S. Woodman, 5-8-10 Taylor 17
28 000 Prospectors Secret, A. Breasley, 3-8-7 Rouse 4
30 432 Solar Grass (D), W. Charles, 5-8-6 Robinson 20
31 200 Tou Fou (CD), D. Arbuthnot, 4-8-6 ... —
34 -440 Star Venture (D), G. Huffer, 4-8-3 ... Darley
35 000 Leith Lady (D), M. E. Francis, 3-8-2 I. Johnson 14
37 000 Record Breaker, B. McMahon, 4-8-1 ... — 6
40 400 Pretty Good (D), A. W. Jones, 3-8-0 Bleasdale 15
44 044 Eastern Isle, H. Candy, 3-7-11 ... Newnes 3 11
50 001 Witchingham Lass (D), R. Hannon, 3-7-8 Fozzard 7 18
51 404 Composed (D), Mrs N. Kennedy, 6-7-8 R. Jones 7 2
54 430 W. G. Grays (D), M. Tate, 5-7-7 ... —
55 000 Cashmere Girl (D), M. Ryan, 3-7-7 Fox
56 030 Mirthful, W. Elsey, 3-7-7 ... Carlisle 5

9-2 Nous, 5-1 Solar Grass, 6-1 Westbury, Tribal Eye, 7-1 Leader Of The Pack, 8-1 Witchingham Lass, 9-1 Alpine Rocket, 10-1 Roman Scribe, 12-1 Inzora, 14-1 others.

4.15 ST MARGARET'S HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,102: 1¼m)

8 4-01 Rock Concert, W. Hern, 9-0 ... Carson 7
12 020 Marechal (D), S. Woodman, 8-11 ... Taylor
17 013 Latakia (D), J. Bethell, 8-7 ... I. Johnson
20 021 Tenoria, M. Jarvis, 8-5 ... Young
23 100 Comedy Croft (D), R. Hannon, 8-3 ... Rouse
28 040 L'Empereur, F. Durr, 7-10 ... Robinson
29 030 Windsor Warrior, Peter Taylor, 7-9 ... Lowe
33 031 Laurina, D. Ringer, 7-7 ... Salmon

15-8 Tenoria, 11-4 Rock Concert, 4-1 Comedy Croft, 7-1 Latakia, 10-1 Laurina, 12-1 Marechal, 14-1 others.

4.45 FILBERT STAKES (2-y-o: £1,266: 1m)

1 Allegretta, M. Stoute, 8-11 ... — 8
5 30 Bedworth Girl, G. Toft, 8-11 ... — 2
7 Belle Souk, P. Cole, 8-11 ... — 19
8 0 Bomby Roll, P. Cole, 8-11 ... — 12
10 00 But Beautiful, R. Armstrong, 8-11 ... — 1
11 03 Caralla, W. Hern, 8-11 ... Carson 13
13 00 Dancia, P. Walwyn, 8-11 ... I. Johnson 9
14 00 Duchess of [illegible], W. H.-Ross, 8-11 ... — 11
20 30 Heirline, R. Smyth, 8-11 ... Rouse 20
21 4 Irene Adler, H. Candy, 8-11 ... Newnes 3 16
27 000 Lawnswood Miss, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 Swinburn 5
28 000 [illegible], G. Balding, 8-11 ... Weaver 17
29 022 Murmansk, H. Cecil, 8-11 ... — 22
33 0 Phyllira, P. Kelleway, 8-11 ... Lowe 24
34 00 Queen of the Kop, F. Durr, 8-11 Robinson 21
35 0 Queens Road, K. Stone, 8-11 ... Wigham 14
36 22 Red Gloves, B. Hobbs, 8-11 ... Hide 8
37 Reseda Palace, K. Stone, 8-11 ... Skilling 18
41 Rugby Excavation, J. Czerpak, 8-11 ... — 3
43 0 Silver Snow, M. Stoute, 8-11 ... Piggott 15
44 0 Sovereign Shot, N. Vigors, 8-11 ... Curant 2
46 Steel Maiden, J. Hindley, 8-11 ... Taylor 10

5-2 Caralla, 3-1 Silver Snow, 9-2 Murmansk, 13-2 Red Gloves, 8-1 Steel Maiden, 10-1 Belle Souk, 12-1 Irene Adler, 14-1 others.

Bath programme

2.0 AUTUMN STAKES (£725: 1m 8yd)

1 001 Mohock, C. James, 4-9-0 ... Pat Eddery 8
3 230 The Downs, H. O'Neill, 4-9-0 ... Reid 13
4 000 Phyllisia, A. Jones, 4-8-11 ... Miller 12
6 410 Sunnybanks Angel, A. Pitt, 4-8-11 Saunders 7 4
7 000 Hot Silk, W. Wightman, 3-8-9 ... Fox 9
8 023 Keeps Going Right, R. Hollinshead, 3-8-8 Paul Eddery 5 10
10 000 Little Imp, J. Bradley, 3-8-8 ... Launchbury 3
11 000 Melfio Lad, H. Candy, 3-8-8 ... Radcliffe 7 5
13 030 Park Bridge (CD), D. R. Jones, 3-8-8 Rogers 2
15 000 Miss Doulton, C. James, 3-8-5 ... — 6
17 034 Pick O' The Catch, M. McCourt, 3-8-5 Waldron 7
18 0-00 Red Jane, W. Wharton, 3-8-5 ... Wharton 11
19 000 So Splendid, Mrs B. Waring, 3-8-5 McKay 1

9-4 Mohock, 3-1 Keeps Going Right, 5-1 Sunnybanks Angel, 7-1 The Downs, 8-1 Park Bridge, 10-1 Hot Silk, 12-1 Melfio Lad, 14-1 others.

2.30 TORMARTON STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: Maidens: £1,182: 5f)

201 African Star, W. R. Williams, 9-0 ... — 7
203 00 Al-Allam, B. Hills, 9-0 ... Cauthen 18
205 040 Blythsmere, G. Harwood, 9-0 ... Starkey 6
209 000 Dolbeare Lad, J. Cann, 9-0 ... Payne 7
210 0 Fitz Itching, D. Elsworth, 9-0 ... Fox 14
212 Jeffs Song, G. Balding, 9-0 ... Higgins 11
214 02 Portogon, T. Marshall, 9-0 ... McKay 12
218 Rudry Grange, D. H. Jones, 9-0 ... Rogers 8
223 000 Tendermeat, G. Huffer, 9-0 ... Miller 2
226 000 Young Cousin, J. Bradley, 9-0 Launchbury 13
231 000 Celestial Ann, B. Matthews, 8-11 Jewell 7
235 00 Dear Alicia, W. Wightman, 8-11 Woolley 5 15
237 Interlude, D. Elsworth, 8-11 ... Winter 5
238 IrishSparkle, B. Hills, 8-11 ... Street 17
239 02 Kalhred, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 ... Perks 3
240 000 Laughing Lady, E. Reavey, 8-11 Cochrane 5 10
243 My Pretty Music, J. D. Home, 8-11 Logie 16
246 2 Serpina, R. Houghton, 8-11 ... Reid 4

7-4 Serpina, 5-2 Al-Allam, 6-1 Portogon, 8-1 Blythsmere, 10-1 Kalhred, 12-1 Irish Sparkle, 16-1 Dear Alicia, 20-1 others.

3.0 LUCKINGTON HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,718: 1m 8yd)

301 420 Cima, J. Old, 9-7 ... Matthias 4
302 040 Gulf Palm, R. Smyth, 9-5 ... Starkey 8
304 300 Superior Saint, R. Hannon, 9-3 ... Waldron 10
305 000 Blue Singh, R. Boss, 9-3 ... Cook 9
306 344 Chilblains, P. Cundell, 9-1 ... Sims 7 11
307 000 Hans Crescent, J. Toller, 8-13 ... Cauthen
308 400 Hakan, J. Bradley, 8-12 ... Launchbury
310 000 Workright, A. Jarvis, 8-2 ... Reid
312 032 Coal Bunker, R. Hannon, 8-1 ... Morby
314 001 Floridian Dawn, K. Ivory, 7-9 ... McClean 7
318 040 Annie Penny (C), I. Wardle, 7-7 Clark 7

2-1 Coal Bunker, 7-2 Floridian Dawn, 11-2 Gulf Palm, 6-1 Chilblains, 8-1 Workright, 10-1 Cima, 12-1 Blue Singh, 14-1 others.

3.30 LANGRIDGE HANDICAP (£1,998: 1¼m 50yd)

402 000- Massena, D. Sasse, 4-9-5 ... Cochrane 5 7
403 040 Taverne De France, R. Boss, 3-8-13 Cook
405 010 Carey's Choice (C), H. Blagrave, 5-8-12 — 17
406 023 Stonehenge, I. Balding, 3-8-8 ... Matthias 16
409 333 Rock Goddess, B. Swift, 3-8-8 ... Sexton
410 013 Right So, J. Walker, 7-8-7 ... Eddery 9
412 -214 Sunset Wonder, L. Kennard, 4-8-5 Waldron 13
413 400 Rheinford, J. Old, 4-8-4 ... — 20
414 020 Mister Lucky, R. Hannon, 3-8-3 Morby 8
416 031 Camacho, L. Cottrell, 5-8-3 ... Rogers 11
417 400 Pledge (CD), H. Candy, 7-8-2 Radcliffe 7
418 310 China Royal, B. Hills, 5-8-2 ... Cauthen
419 000 Nakhil, R. Houghton, 3-8-2 ... Rheid 19
423 -020 Flying Optician (C), J. Bradley, 5-7-10 Launchbury
424 130 Loan Charge, R. Turnell, 4-7-9 McClone 7
427 000 Topsin, A. Breasley, 4-7-7 ... McKay 15
428 400 Strip Fast (CD), D. H. Jones, 7-7-7 Paul Eddery 3 13
430 00-0 British Crown, D. Elsworth, 4-7-7 Fox 14
431 120 Stuck For Words, A. Moore, 3-7-7 Fretwell 7 18
434 Chapeau Vert, G. Balding, 7-7-7 Higgins 10

9-2 Stonehenge, 5-1 Camacho, 11-2 China Royal, 6-1 Pledge, 7-1 Sunset Wonder, 8-1 Right So, 10-1 Rock Goddess, 10-1 Carey's Choice, 14-1 Taverne De France, 16-1 others.

4.0 LYEGROVE HANDICAP (£2,029: 5f 167yd)

502 006 Jack Fox, P. Kelleway, 5-9-9 ... Ives 10
504 010 Nice Value (CD), R. Hollinshead, 6-9-6 Perks 3
506 040 In Rhythm, P. Makin, 3-9-4 ... Pat Eddery 6
508 000 Pusey Street (C), J. Bosley, 3-9-2 Howe 3 9
510 000 Mephisto Waltz, C. James, 3-8-13 ... Fox 1
512 024 Paul Diver (CD), L. Cottrell, 6-8-12 Rogers 16
514 000 Hyperion Chief, W. Wharton, 4-8-11 Wharton 2
515 404 Lancaster Mews, B. Hanbury, 3-8-9 Cauthen 7
516 000 Zahtah, R. Boss, 3-8-8 ... Cook 17
517 403 Norbury, R. Akehurst, 4-8-8 ... Starkey 4
519 004 Kassak, H. O'Neill, 4-8-3 ... Reid 8
520 430 Ascot Blue (CD), J. Bradley, 7-8-3 Launchbury 15
521 432 Royal Kingdom (CD), M. Smyly, 3-8-1 Morby 12
523 103 Sweet Ride, B. Matthews, 4-8-0 ... — 5
524 100 Belfort, A. Breasley, 3-7-13 ... Elder 14
527 030 Cast Pearls, A. Breasley, 3-7-10 Clark 7 13
528 020 Balarm, A. Breasley, 4-7-9 ... Jenkinson
530 410 Blackbrook Melody, M. Francis, 3-7-7 McKay 12
531 143 Royal Diplomat, J. Holt, 3-7-7 Paul Eddery 5 11

4-1 Nice Value, 11-2 Royal Kingdom, 6-1 Sweet Ride, 13-2 Kassak, 7-1 Norbury, 8-1 Jack Fox, 10-1 Paul Diver, 12-1 Royal Diplomat, 14-1 Balarm, 16-1 In Rhythm, 20-1 others.

4.30 SHERSTON STAKES (3-y-o: £1,054: 1m 5f 12yd)

604 001 Pledge (C), G. Harwood, 9-7 ... Starkey 12
611 0 More Lavender, H. Blagrave, 9-0 Cauthen
612 Noble Dragon, J. Thorne, 9-0 ... —
613 044 Nobilissimo, A. Breasley, 9-0 ... Matthews
614 000 Power Love, B. Hanbury, 9-0 ... — 4
615 004 Praed Street, R. Atkins, 9-0 ... McKay 10
616 0 Royal Casino, I. Wardle, 9-0 ... Cochrane 5
617 000 Sir Hussar, D. Laing, 9-0 ... Rogers 13
618 230 Straits, P. Walwyn, 9-0 ... Pat Eddery
620 023 Thahul, R. Houghton, 9-0 ... Reid
621 400 [illegible], A. Breasley, 8-11 ... —
623 30 Leiko, R. Boss, 8-11 ... Cook
625 400 Royal Classic, D. Wintle, 8-11 ... Dineley 11

5-4 Pledge, 3-1 Straits, 9-2 Thahul, 7-1 Nobilissimo, 8-1 Praed Street, 14-1 Sir Hussar, 16-1 Power Love, 30-1 others.

5.0 TORMARTON STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: Maidens: £1,182: 5f)

4 Bernini, D. Wintle, 9-0 ... Dineley 4
7 Cars Street, J. Bosley, 9-0 ... Howe 8
11 0 Gay Whistler, J. Powney, 9-0 ... Jago 14
14 444 [illegible], K. Ivory, 9-0 ... Cochrane 5 6
17 000 Prince Copper, S. Mellor, 9-0 ... Rowe 5
20 0 Steelworks, B. Hills, 9-0 ... Cauthen 12
21 303 Super Smile, N. Callaghan, 9-0 Pat Eddery
22 The Floorplayer, D. Elsworth, 9-0 ... Fox 16
25 000 Trigowan, B. Palling, 9-0 ... Launchbury 18
28 000 Ballyca, M. Francis, 8-11 ... Rogers 10
32 030 Day Dream Believer, K. Lewis, 8-11 Miller 7
33 400 Fair Glory, A. Ingham, 8-11 ... Blanks 9
36 0 Lucky Love, D. Elsworth, 8-11 ... Winter 5
38 000 Queen's Coup, K. Bridgwater, 8-11 Paul Eddery 5 15
44 00 Shelley Louise, E. Reavey, 8-11 ... Reid 1
46 Spanish Hat, B. Hills, 8-11 ... Street
47 400 Sterridge Valley, C. Hill, 8-11 ... Starkey 3
49 Whisper To Me, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 Shrimpton 13

8-1 Fairy Glory, Spanish Hat, 16-1 Leiko, 20-1 others.
15-8 Steelworks, 2-1 SuperSmile, 6-1 Day Dream Believer.

Plumpton programme

2.15 KINGSTON CHASE (Handicap: £1,242: 3m 1f)

1-20 Tauraeen, 8-11-2 ... Kinane 4
5-23 Mister Beer, 8-11-7 Scudamore
111 Buck Royale, 7-11-4 ... Linley
410- Wool Merchant, 7-11-3 Smith Eccles
p32- Gypsy Baron, 10-10-2 R. R. Davies
31-3 Banksie, 8-10-10 Mr Webber 2
213 The Ommaroo, 7-10-4 ... Hobbs
30- Ro De Frontiere, 8-10-7 Mr Mudwick 7
0p-3 Royal And Ancient, 11-10-0 Mrs French

11-8 Buck Royale, 4-1 Tauraeen, 11-2 Banksie, 6-1 The Ommaroo, 8-1 Mister Beer, 10-1 Gypsy Baron, 12-1 Wool Merchant, 16-1 others.

2.45 SEPTEMBER HURDLE (Selling: £434: 2m)

0-0- Double-Header, 5-11-6 ... Old
0-02 [illegible], 5-11-6 ... Alderman 7
[illegible], 5-11-6 ... Charles 4
0 Paulkero, 12-11-6 Mr Fellow 4
400- Prosen, 11-11-6 McGarrigle 7
411 Red Ambion, 8-11-4 Kinane 4
p26- Flying Lyndra, 4-11-0 ... [illegible]

13-8 Red Ambion, 11-4 [illegible], 9-2 Double-Header, 5-1 Prosen, 14-1 Kobe, 16-1 Paulkero.

3.15 STEYNING HURDLE (Selling: £912: 2m)

0- Spanish Armanda, 6-12-6 ... Gardener
40-3 Ty-Ar-Ern, 4-11-7 ... Grimes
304- Excelsior, 6-11-3 ... Campbell
00-3 Oui Monsieur, 6-10-5 ... Wright
00-f Molly's Lad, 6-10-2 ... Archorst
0-00 Tudor Maestro, 8-10-2 J. Davies
35-0 Hungseng, 6-10-0 ... Keightley
20-0 Crex Crex, 5-10-0 ... Balmer
102- Seeno, 11-10-0 Miss Molhuish
1-14 Enchanted Evening, 4-10-0 Baleph
230- Pouillac, 5-10-0 ... Ferreir
Fairman, 7-10-0 ... Stroud
00-0 Boddington, 4-10-0 ... Alderman
302- Highland Drake, 7-10-0 ... McGarrigle

11-4 Ty-Ar-Ern, 100-30 Oui Monsieur, 5-1 Spanish Armada, 13-2 Molly's Lad, 8-1 Excelsior, 10-1 Crex Crex, 12-1 Hungseng, 16-1 others.

3.45 SOUTH DOWNS CHASE (Handicap: £1,655: 2m)

00-2 Carrigeen Hill, 9-11-10 H. Davies
00-4 Mr Marisbridge, 7-11-8 ... Barton
40p- Harry Hotspur, 10-11-7 Smith Eccles
21-0 Chichester Bird, 6-10-5 Hughes
130- Gleaming Flight, 10-10-4 Gray 4
22u Tack Money, 8-10-3 ... King
1p-0 My Charlie, 10-10-2 Keightley 7
10-0 Strong Hand, 6-10-0 ... Grimes 7
010 Bargain Day, 8-10-0 O'Halloran
22 Geoffs Choice, 11-10-0 ... Haynes
034 Moody Old Dough, 11-10-0 Mungeridge 7

11-4 Marisbridge, 100-30 Carrigeen Hill, 5-1 Tack Money, 13-2 Chichester Bird, 8-1 Bargain Day, 10-1 Harry Hotspur, 12-1 My Charlie, 16-1 others.

4.15 HOVE HURDLE (3-y-o novices: £611: 2m)

1 Critical Times, 11-7 ... Scudamore
1 Moonsun, 11-7 ... N. Davies 4
1 Slout, 11-7 ... Rowell
401 Tammora, 11-7 ... Grimes 7
Anna's Pet, 11-0 ... Simnor 7
34 Ashleigh Boy, 11-0 ... Hobbs
Drumburn, 11-0 ... Haynes
000 Hunting Heir, 11-0 ... Smart
James Scott, 11-0 ... King
Kestrel, 11-0 ... Gracey 4
Mr Nosey Parker, 11-0 Carroll
4 Pongo Pongo, 11-0 Smith Eccles
Smashing Fellow, 11-0 Mr Wilson
02 Tip Tool, 11-0 ... Coonan

100-30 Critical Times, 4-1 Tammora, 5-1 Tip Tool, 13-2 Slout, 7-1 Moonsun, 8-1 Pongo Pongo, 10-1 Smashing Fellow, 12-1 Ashleigh Boy, 16-1 others.

4.45 FIRLE CHASE (Novices: £784: 2m)

Rockbarton, 10-1 Yale Boy, 12-1 Gun
no Ermadash, 7-11-2 ... Candy
C-rp C'Est Afrique, 5-11-2 ... Haynes
f0-u Tompion, 6-11-2 ... Rowe
[illegible] Western River, 7-11-2 H. Davies
443 Yale Boy, 6-11-2 ... Gray 4
0-0d Gun Metal, 8-11-0 ... Scudamore
f04- Slippers, 5-11-0 ... Rowell
301- Spin Again, 5-11-0 R. R. Davies

11-4 Tompion, 100-30 Spin Again, 5-1 Western River, 13-2 Slippers, 8-1 Rockbarton, 10-1 Yale Boy, 12-1 Gun-Metal, 16-1 others.

5.15 GRUNWICK STAKES (Flat race: £403: 2m)

Bookmarker, 5-11-10 Mrs N. Smith
Broken Hand, 5-11-10 Perrett 7
Fox Bridge, 5-11-10 ... Coyle 7
Polyandros, 5-11-10 Mr Thomson Jones
Royal Riches, 5-11-10 Mr Sherwood
2- Calabash, 4-11-5 Mr Webber 4
Crew Major, 4-11-5 ... Mr Wilson

2-1 Calabash, 9-4 Royal Riches, 100-30 Polyandros, 11-2 Fox Bridge, 10-1 Crewe Major, 14-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Bath selections

By our Newmarket correspondent

2.30 Tendermeat. 3.0 Blue Singh. 3.30 Right So. 4.0 Lancaster Mews. 4.30 Leiko. 5.0 Super Smile.

Newbury results

2.0: 1, Glowing Tan (5-1); 2, Infinito (6-5 fav); 3, Aldeburgh Festival (3-1). 7 ran. Sandhawk did not run.

2.30: 1, Barnet Heir (14-1); 2, Brentus (20-1); 3, Dollar Pocket (33-1). Amorous 11-4 fav. 15 ran.

3.0: 1, Castle Keep (9-4 fav); 2, Shady Nook (12-1); 3, Le Soleil (9-1). 10 ran.

3.30: 1, Sweet Monday (9-1); 2, Mattaboy (7-2); 3, Poldhu (5-2). Another Realm 15-8 fav. 7 ran.

4.0: 1, Etching (9-4 fav); 2, Telsmoss (14-1); 3, Seven Hearts (11-2). 9 ran. Mistrena did not run.

4.30: 1, Swinging Rhythm (4-1); 2, Archimboldo (20-1); 3, Ringel (3-1 fav). 16 ran.

Catterick Bridge

1.45: 1, Swing The Axe (14-1); 2, O I Oyston (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Arctic Tribune (10-1). Miss Candy and Olro's Folly 5-1 jt-favs. 18 ran.

2.15: 1, Pittencrief (10-1); 2, Regraham (13-2 fav); 3, Sid's Double (11-1). 20 ran.

2.45: 1, Stormy Jim (8-1); 2, Manday (5-2); 3, Henry Morgan (10-1). Pirla 5-2 fav. 13 ran. Ziparib did not run.

3.15: 1, Miss Couture (7-1); 2, Mr Petit (7-1); 3, Faldor (33-1). [illegible] 9-4 fav. 16 ran.

3.45: 1, Doubtwash Girl (25-1); 2, Blue Lass (5-4 fav); 3, Balatina (8-1). 21 ran.

4.15: 1, Flying Officer (7-2); 2, The Professor (13-2 fav); 3, Beryl's Gift (20-1). 13 ran.

Warwick NH

2.0: 1, Leading Artist (100-1); 2, Ring Tin Tin (7-1); 3, Burns (2-5 fav). 12 ran.

2.30: 1, Woolcon Lass (4-1); 2, Yaniela (6-4 fav); 3, Thomsons Policy (4-1). 9 ran. Eltham did not run.

3.0: 1, Dropshot (5-2 fav); 2, Lopez (33-1); 3, Wollop (11-2). 17 ran.

3.30: 1, Prince Hill (4-6 fav); 2, Ballyoarvey (33-1); 3, Heighway (15-2). 5 ran.

4.0: 1, Prince of Spain (8-1); 2, Midsummer Girl (25-1); 3, Catherine Blake (66-1). Mister 100-30 fav. 21 ran. Flamo Star did not run.

4.30: 1, Remezzo (15-8 fav); 2, Fata Morgana (11-2); 3, Bever (11-1). 10 ran.

5.0: 1, Hasholet (6-4 jt-fav); 2, Grey Dolphin (4-1); 3, Smart Buck (6-4 jt-fav). 7 ran.

5.30: 1, Ox Lesson (15-2); 2, Corella (7-2); 3, Apiary (11-2). Chiquita Beetle and Flying Idol 7-1 jt-favs. 15 ran.

Ayr

1.30: 1, Crosby Triangle (5-1); 2, Arandur (25-1); 3, Wish Upon A Star (33-1). Druganili 5-1 fav. 10 ran.

2.0: 1, Anglepoise (5-1 fav); 2, Lingdale (10-1); 3, Jester's Boy (6-1). 5 ran.

2.30: 1, Peek-A-Boo (8-1); 2, Babdun (8-1); 3, Crown Witness (7-2 fav). 11 ran.

3.0: 1, Path Of Peace (4-5 fav); 2, Smokey Bear (5-1); 3, [illegible] (6-4). 3 ran.

3.30: 1, Stay Secret (15-2); 2, About Turn (6-1); 3, Painthox (16-1). Hobglock 11-4 fav. 15 ran.

4.0: 1, Star Pastures (6-4 fav); 2, Maryland Cookie (12-1); 3, Southern Swanee (14-1). 7 ran. NR: Vocalist.

4.30: 1, Feelings (5-1); 2, Alfred Milnor (14-1); 3, Skelbrooke (15-2). Norroy 2-1 fav. 9 ran.

Bangor NH

2.15: 1, Grangehill (11-10 fav); 2, Regal Village (33-1); 3, Chads Hour (25-1). 6 ran. Liacca Paddy did not run.

2.45: 1, Stay Quiet (6-4); 2, The Baker (4-5 fav); 3, Nicholas Nickleby (10-1). 4 ran.

3.15: 1, [illegible] (5-4 fav); 2, Cutting Comment (14-1); 3, Little Kear (25-1). 9 ran.

3.45: 1, Man Else (9-2); 2, Royal Maud (5-4 fav); 3, Kumbi (6-1). 9 ran.

4.15: 1, Poppy Buoy (5-1); 2, Tyldale (5-4 fav); 3, [illegible] (12-1). 11 ran. Liacca Prince, Villane did not run.

4.45: 1, Fine Fellow (4-1); 2, Tor Bridge (5-1); 3, Heronsica (10-1). 4 ran.

Cambridgeshire

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP: First acceptors: Lord Rochford, Haul Knight, Baronet, Belmont Bay, Tender Heart, Darwood, Saher, Whitehall Bridge, Stanislavsky, Pulse Rate, Brian's Venture, Pieces of Gold, April Bouquet, Red Rufus, Smoke Singer, Treade, Northleach, Jolop, Fine Blue, Corner General, Easter Sun, Kilroy, Hawk, Cardinal Flower, Cannon King, End of War, African Rhythm, Dougall, Atlantic Boy, Borderline, Sacrilege, Cyprus Sky, Kings Ride, Mailie's Star, Anglepoise, Double Meaning, Geoffrey's Sister, Princes Date, Pelayo, Tower Joy, Dronfels, One Fleet Street, Jims Tricks, Steven Alive, Tuthill Bond, Brennan's Glen, Mairelle Nurse (not qualified). To be run over 1m 1f, at Newmarket on October 4.

…e snatches …with …last stroke

…the final stroke of the …ion David Lane, aged 39, …ting Berkshire, Bucking-…e and Oxfordshire, … the English Gold Union …championship from … Seaton. Lane, a works …, who plays for the Goring …eatley club, had a one …ur first round in this two-…stroke-play match played … Ashridge club, Little …len, yesterday.

…yes had been on the first …leader, Seaton, aged 24, …for Cambridgeshire, who …o a three-stroke lead with …round of 67. But bad …by Seaton in the second …was to cost him the tourna-…He missed two three-foot …oing out, while Lane had …up to within two shots. …n then steadied his game …t back to five under par …day at the 18th tee. A …pproach shot, which ran …he rim of the bunker, left …th a possibility of a par …nd he pushed a 30-foot …within four feet of the …ut what should have been …putt went wildly askew …t him the title.

…pairs behind Seaton, Lane … realise he had only to …hole for the championship. …pushed his approach shot …f the green, and his chip …l feet beyond the pin. But …luced a champion's putt to …s first title. D. Bradshaw …re), J. Bennett (Surrey) …Lewis (Gloucestershire) all …third place.

US draw further ahead despite Huish brilliance

Edmond, Oklahoma, Sept 21—The United States widened their lead over Britain and Ireland to 7—2 yesterday by taking the four-ball matches 2—1 in the series between golf club professionals at the Oak Tree course. Scotland's David Huish and Jim Farmer drew first blood for the visitors in 90 degree heat, going out in 32 and winding up at four-under par to score a 2 and 1 victory over Buddy Whitten and Doug Campbell.

But the United States took the other two matches from the British Isles team, which has won the last two competitions.

Jagger of Yorkshire and the Irishman Owens lost 2 and 1 to Glover and the former Walker Cup amateur Lewis, after being two up with three holes played, and the Midlander Minshall and Lincolnshire's Harrison, two up after 12, lost by one hole to Aycock and Kennedy. Huish and Farmer were in devastating form, snapping up five birdies in six holes from the second, with Farmer twice holing 20-foot putts and Huish chipping in at the sixth.

The Americans won back the 14th with a birdie and the 15th but the Scots held on to halve the 16th in birdie fours and the 17th in par threes with Huish hitting his tee shot across the lake at the 200-yard hole within 15ft of the cup. Jagger and Owens were still one up at the turn and Owens holed a 20-foot putt for a halve at the next, but Lewis holed from 30ft to square at the 12th.

Famous Russians fail but win team event

Athletics

Tokyo, Sept 20.—Seven Soviet athletes who won gold medals at the Moscow Olympics were beaten in an eight-nation track and field meeting here today. But the Soviet Union were still the most successful nation, winning seven events. West Germany won five and the United States, Italy, Britain and Poland each scored four victories.

MEN: 400 metres: 1, W. Smith (US) 45.91sec; 5, R. Milne (GB) 46.18. 800 metres: 1, P. Forbes (GB) 1min 49.9sec. 1,500 metres: 1, U. Becker (W. Germany) 3:47.9; 5, C. Reitz (GB) 3:48.2. 5,000 metres: 1, A. Cova (Italy) 13:42.6; 2, S. Jones (GB) 13:43.1. 10,000 metres: 1, J. Seko (Japan) 28:38.7; 5, R. Smedley (GB) 29:14.0. 110 metres hurdles: 1, A. Puchkov (USSR) 13.76; 3, W. Greaves (GB). 400 metres hurdles: 1, H. Schmid (W. Germany) 48.59; 5, G. Oakes (GB) 51.86. 3,000 metres steeplechase: 1, B. Malinowski (Poland) 8:28.5; 8, G. Rimmer, 8:41.7. 400 metres relay: 1, United States (W. Smith, H. Glance, F. Taylor, S. Floyd); 6, Great Britain. 1,600 metres relay: 1, United States (J. Walker, F. Taylor, R. Williams, C. Taylor) 3:4.9; 4, Great Britain 3:6.8. High jump: 1, J. Wszola (Poland) 2.30 metres. Long jump: 1, S. Jaskulka (Poland) 7.88; 7, R. Mitchell (GB) 7.44. Triple jump: 1, J. Udmiae (USSR) 16.84; 2, A. Moore (GB). Javelin: M. Wessing (W. Germany) 87.66; 7, D. Ottley (GB) 78.76. Discus: 1, D. Juzyszyn (Poland) 62.20; 10, M. Winch (GB) 50.12. Hammer: 1, H.-K. Reim (W. Germany) 76.48; 6, C. Black (GB) 69.50.

WOMEN: 100 metres: 1, H. Hunte (GB) 11.24sec. 400m: 1, J. Hoyte-Smith (GB) 51.92. 1,500m: 1, G. Dorio (Italy) 4:12.6; 4, C. Boxer (GB) 4:15.00. 400m relay: USSR 1, 42.96; 2, Great Britain 43.14. High jump: 1, S. Simeoni (Italy) 1.96m; 7, A. Dewally (GB) 1.80m. Long jump: 1, C. Stsiak (W. Germany) 6.67m; 2, S. Hearnshaw (GB) 6.48m. Javelin: 1, S. Gunba (USSR) 64.20m; 7, F. Whitbread (GB) 51.94m. Shot: 1, S. Krachevskaia (USSR) 21.17m; M. Ritchie (GB) 14.70m.

Warrior retains all his best fighting qualities

Horse trials

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Jane Holderness-Roddam and Warrior, now retired from the three-day events, won the open intermediate class at the inaugural Rotherfield Park trials, near Alton, yesterday. These trials have been designed by Hugh Thomas, who rode Playamar in the 1976 Olympics, to give experience to intermediate horses who are about to embark on the three-day trial at Wylye or at Osberton, and they attracted an impressive entry. The undulating land put a premium on fitness and the fences posed sufficient problems without causing grief.

Princess Anne celebrated a welcome change in her family's equestrian fortunes when she won the third intermediate section on the Queen's horse, Stevie B, a good-looking chestnut seven-year-old who has enormous potential, and is surely a top class international horse in the making. The fastest time across country was put up by Mrs Tyley on May Fox, and the other intermediate class was won by Sue Benson on the eight-year-old, Rip Rap.

Lucinda Moir, the 19-year-old Dorset rider, was the heroine of Michael Tucker's trials at Tetbury on Saturday. First she won a novice class on the six-year-old Rabble with only 35 penalty points. Then she and Queen Hill, a former hurdler, scorched round the advanced section in going that was holding in places and greasy in others after 24 hours of steady rain. She also won the training voucher for the rider under 21 judged the most likely international prospect.

Captain Mark Phillips withdrew Rough and Tough from the first advanced section, won by Elizabeth Purdrick with Felday Farmer. He was leading the second section when Town and Country refused at the seventh fence, slipped in the mud at the second time of asking, and dropped his rider on the tarmac road. As luck would have it, Captain Phillips fell on the left arm which he injured the previous weekend at the Taunton Vale meeting and retired in considerable pain. Results:

ROTHERFIELD PARK: Intermediate section A: 1, Mrs L. Tyley's May Fox (65); 2, Miss C. Barlow's Dungalley (71); 3, Mrs M. Tucker's Dalwhinnie (71). Section B: 1, Mrs S. Benson's Rip Rap (47); 2, Miss C. Rodwell's Tara Too (50); 3, Mrs S. Saunders's Chinatown II (Miss B. Clarke) (67). Section C: The Queen's Stevie B (Princess Anne) (67); 2, Miss S. Anderson's La Solitaire (67); 3, R. Lucas's Tokenbury Sherry (73). Open intermediate: 1, Mrs J. Holderness-Roddam's Warrior (48); 2, R. Walker's Ryan's Cross (65); 3, Miss T. Martin-Bird's Flare Path (48).

TETBURY: Novice section 1: Mrs J. Wilcox's Border Master (45). Section 2: D. Martell's Rabble (35) (Miss L. Moir). Section 3: Miss S. Gardiner's Toddy Thorner (43). Section 4: A. J. Cubitt's Pot Luck (40) (Lieutenant N. Illeth). Section 5: Miss S. Singleton's Star Burn (45). Advanced section 1: 1, Mrs E. Purbrick's Felday Farmer (65); 2, N. Taylor's Polyaor (77); 3, C. Hammond's Felday Charlie (81) (J. Scott). Advanced section 2: 1, Mrs T. V. Pond's Queen Hill (Miss L. Moir) (72); 2, Mrs M. Pescod's Sunny Intervals (32); 3, Mrs E. Purbrick's Peter the Great (73).

For the record

Golf

SAN ANTONIO (Texas): Open tournament, third round leaders (US unless stated): 198: F. Zoeller 64, 68, 66. 199: T. Diehl 65, 67, 67. 200: L. Trevino 66, 67, 67; R. Murphy 68, 65, 67; M. McCumber 69, 65, 68. 201: D. Edwards 68, 66, 67. 202: G. Burns 72, 68, 62; L. Hinkle 67, 70, 65; E. Sneed 67, 68, 67; C. Strange 67, 65, 66; W. Rogers 64, 67, 71. 203: B. Devlin (Australia) 68, 68, 67; G. Hallberg 64, 71, 68. 204: D. Edwards 68, 66, 70; F. Beard 68, 67, 69. Foreign scores include: 208: P. Oosterhuis (GB) 70, 68, 70. 210: D. Graham (Australia) 67, 73, 70.

KANSAS: Women's professional tournament, at Overland Park: Leaders (US unless stated): 214: D. Caponi Young 75, 68, 71; S. Hamlin, 67, 72, 75. 217: B. Moxness, 68, 71, 78. 218: D. Germain, 74, 75, 70; P. Bradley, 73, 73, 73; A. [illegible], 72, 74, 72. 220: J. Stanger, 72, 77, 71; J. Benner, 73, 74, 73; J. Ferraris, [illegible], 73, 74; M. J. Smith (NZ), 72, 73, 76. 221: V. Brownlee, 74, 73, 74; C. Hill, 75, 74, 72; P. Hayes, 77, 71, 73; P. Meyers, 72, 75, 74; K. Martin, 70, 71, 73; H. Stacy, 71, 75, 75; M. Mills, 72, 73, 76; L. Nelson, 73, 73, 75. Other scores: 222: A.-M. Palli (France), 73, 73, 76. 223: S. Bertolaccini (Argentina), 72, 77, 74. 225: P. Pulz (Australia), 78, 72, 75. 229: A. Sheard (SA), 75, 73, 81.

Rifle shooting

BISLEY: Commonwealth Games Federation European Section Championships. Fullbore rifle: 1, C. T. S. Belk (England), 387 pts; 2, G. Harris (Jersey), 386; 3, A. E. Clarke (Scotland) 386; 4, D. P. Calvert (N. Ireland) 386. Centre Fire Pistol: 1, J. Cooke (England) 581; 2, J. Gough (England) 579; 3, W. Smith (England) 575; 4, J. Cairns (Scotland) 574. Free Pistol: 1, G. Robinson (England) 1096; 2, I. Reid (England) 1083; 3, I. F. Wyatt (England) 1078. Royal Navy Target Rifle Club Championships, Bisley Club Championship: 1, A. Wombell 235; 2, J. Pollard 233; 3, P. S. Rowell 232. Short Range Championship: 1, A. Wombell 146; 2, J. Pollard 145; 3, J. Wilcox 144. Long Range Championship: 1, A. J. Saunders 92; 2, E. M. Brice 91; 3, H. Watson 90.

Diving

CRYSTAL PALACE: British highboard championship: 1, P. Drew 401.40 pts; 2, D. Jerrett 389.35; 3, A. Jeffs 377.10.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 4, New York Yankees 1; Baltimore Orioles 6, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Detroit Tigers 10, Cleveland Indians 3; Oakland A's 0, Kansas City Royals 0; Milwaukee Brewers 8, Seattle Mariners 4; California Angels 6, Texas Rangers 4 (10 innings).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 7, Chicago Cubs 3; Montreal Expos 5, St Louis Cardinals 4; Houston Astros 3, San Francisco Giants 2; Cincinnati Reds 10, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; San Diego Padres 3, Atlanta Braves 2 (11 innings); New York Mets 9, Pittsburgh Pirates 6 (11 innings).

Friday's results

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 2, Boston Red Sox 1; Baltimore Orioles 8, Toronto Blue Jays 5 (12 innings); Milwaukee Brewers 4, Seattle Mariners 0; Detroit Tigers 4, Cleveland Indians 3; California Angels 6, Texas Rangers 2; Kansas City Royals 15, Oakland A's 3; Minnesota Twins 6, Chicago White Sox 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 4, New York Mets 3; Chicago Cubs 4, Philadelphia Phillies 3; St Louis Cardinals 6, Montreal Expos 5; San Diego Padres 7, Atlanta Braves 4; Cincinnati Reds 10, Los Angeles 7; San Francisco Giants 4, Houston Astros 3.

Hockey

CHEAM: Diamond Jubilee International Festival: Purley 1, Church of Ireland (Cork) 1; Cheam 0, Alderley Edge 0; Brooklands 2, Cheltenham 0; Cheam A 1, Purley A 1; Alderley Edge 1, Brooklands 3; Cheltenham 1, Church of Ireland 2; Kingston GS 2, London Schools XI 1; Cheam Veterans 4, Alderley Edge Veterans 0; Cheam Ladies 4, Walton Ladies 0; Purley 3, Brooklands 2; Cheam 4, Cheltenham 3; Alderley Edge 2, Church of Ireland 1.

WOMEN'S MATCH: Dulwich 4, Chequers 1.

COUNTY MATCH: Norfolk 3, Nottinghamshire 0.

CORK: Senior international match: Ireland 1, Canada 0.

Cricket

LORD'S: Adastrians 177 for 8 (J. Jones 60; C. Stone 4 for 38); Cross Arrows 139 for 9. Match drawn. Today: Cross Arrows v The Royal Navy.

Tennis

LAS VEGAS: Women's tournament, quarter-final round: Miss W. Turnbull (Australia) beat Miss M. Navratilova (US) 7—5, 6—2; Miss A. Jaeger (US) beat Miss M. Jausovec (Yugoslavia) 6—0, 7—5; Miss S. Hanika (WG) beat Miss A. Smith (US) 6—2, 6—2. Semi-final round: Miss H. Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia) beat Miss Turnbull 6—2, 6—1; Miss Jaeger beat Miss Hanika 6—0, 6—4.

Cycling

WEMBLEY: Skol Six-day race (second day): 1, D. Allan and D. Clark (Australia), 577 pts; 2, R. Hermann (Liechtenstein) and H. Schutz (WG), 0 laps down, 213 pts; 3, P. Sercu (Belgium) and A. Fritz (WG), 0, 142; 4, G. Frank and K. Svendsen (Denmark), 0, 85; 5, R. Savary (Switzerland) and N. Dean (GB), 2, 204; 6, M. Burton and C. Tourne (Belgium), 2, 182; 7, W. Peigen (WG) and D. Hart (GB), 2, 159; 8, G. Schumacher (WG) and I. Hallam (GB), 2, 127; 9, W. Debosscher (Belgium) and F. Algeri (Italy), 3, 178; 10, U. Hempel (WG) and A. Doyle (GB), 8, 136; 11, R. Pijnen (Netherlands) and A. James (GB), 8, 106.

VALROMEY—GRAND COLOMBIER: Tour de L'Avenir: Leading placings in the first section of the 11th stage: 1, S. Soukhoroutchenkov (USSR) 53 miles in 2hr 15min 38sec; 2, A. Cocho (Portugal) at 23sec; 3, C. Lang (Poland) at 42sec. Second section: 1, Y. Barinov (USSR) 76 miles in 3hr 22min 03sec; 2, Y. Kachirin (USSR), same time; 3, R. Galaletdinov (USSR), at [illegible] sec. Divonne-les-Bains: 12th Stage: 1, P. Martinez (France) 59 miles 2hr 23min 42sec; 2, A. Burghold (Switzerland) same time; equal 3, M. Hendzlo (Poland) at 8 sec and G. van Gestel (Belgium) at 19sec. Overall placings: 1, A. Florez (Colombia) 41:04 58; 2, S. Soukhoroutchenkov (USSR) at 3:10min; 3, Y. Kachirin (USSR) at 4:29.

BRUSSELS: Eddy Merckx Grand Prix (50 mile time trial): 1, K. Knudsen (Norway), 1hr 24.05min; 2, D. Willems (Belgium), 1 27 14; 3, G. Knetemann (Netherlands), 1 27 53.

Squash rackets

STUTTGART: European club championship: Final: Triangeln (Sweden) 3, Brighton 2.

SPORT

Rugby Union

Hymn of praise dies into whisper

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Wales 32 Overseas XV 25

It is four years since Wales fortuitously got by against Argentina in Cardiff by a single point, and just under 12 months since they were thankful to prevail against Romania by the same margin. On Saturday, but for a late, saving tackle by Morgan, their substitute wing, they might have been just as grateful to escape as narrowly against a scratch combination drawn from far and wide, and assembled at the National Stadium for the first big contest of the Welsh centenary season, sponsored by Barclay's Bank.

All this, indeed, after Wales, doing much as they pleased in a festive ambiance and nigh-perfect conditions, had established a half-time lead of 28-9, to which Blyth had contributed 20 points. Minutes later their dashing full back must have felt like walking upon the waters as he acquired his third try of the afternoon by yet another timely intrusion into his line. But, alas, the chants of "Feed me 'til I want no more", thought to herald a scarlet floodgate, preceded a stuttering midfield performance and an admirable rally by the visitors, who ran up the last 16 points of the game.

Afterwards South Africa's guru, Dr Danie Craven, was tactful enough to inquire whether the host country had run out of steam or motivation. But the details of the final scoreline looked less embarrassing, three goals, two penalty goals and two tries for Wales, a goal, five penalties and a try for their opponents. Of the Overseas XV's points, 17 were kicked by the rugged Romanian centre, Constantin, and the remaining eight were notched by the Tongan tight head prop, Motu'apuaka, who got one try when the forwards drove a wedge from a penalty tap under the Welsh posts and another when his front row union repaid with interest a failure by Brynmor Williams to find touch—the only blot on an otherwise versatile and well-judged performance by the Welsh scrum half.

However, Constantin's inaccurate line-kicking, setting up willing Welsh counter attacks, contributed in the first period to his side's problems. They achieved near-parity in the lineout but denuded of possession at scrummage, maul and ruck, were denied the chance of a powerful loose trio—the Argentine, Travaglini, an outstanding member of it—making an aggressive impact.

In this half, Wales put the ball into their rock-solid scrummage 11 times, their opponents just twice, holding firm only on the second occasion when the Welsh pack, temporarily, was reduced to seven men. There was a flexible effort by the little Fijian scrum half, Waisake, and his Argentine partner, Madero, achieved one exciting break from behind a lineout in his 22.

There was no discernible let-up in the Welsh forward drive, Wheel heaving a ready spoke into every maul and charge, Ringer's pace, and creativity restoring needed momentum on a flank and Butler enjoying a useful game at No 8. But Wales, surely, will want a match-fit Quinnell against New Zealand and before that encounter they will have to decide whether to bring back Martin as their leading ball-winner at the lineout or to persevere with the Cardiff lock, Norster, who made some good two-handed catches but sometimes failed to confirm possession.

Welsh forward supremacy in tight and loose, combined with a fluent performance by their half backs, only served as the game wore on to increase anxiety about the lack of pace at centre and the overall limitations of the three-quarter line. Fenwick's vision of the game and Gravell's strength in withstanding the tackle are admirable virtues, but Wales should have David Richards to inject some snap and crackle in the middle against New Zealand.

Daniels, a centre by instinct, now playing on the left wing, three times got close to a try in the early stages but, admittedly cramped for room, he veered inside on each occasion. At half-time he was replaced by Morgan. Rees managed some swift and exuberant scampers on the other flank but was not needed, so ample were the overlaps, when Blyth scored two of his tries. Blyth's second was made for him by a crash ball from Davies, and his last by another lovely dummy scissors by his stand-off which all but came unstuck when Gravell looked to have held on too long.

The remaining Welsh tries were scored by Brynmor Williams, darting through behind a ruck, and Fenwick, whose strength, served by Butler and Williams from a scrummage close in, dented a willing but disorganized defence. Blyth kicked all of the Welsh goals. Wales were left to reflect that if Constantin's last attempted conversion had not rebounded off a post, and if the Overseas full back, Taylor, had not been cut off by Morgan following an interception, the result would have been embarrassing indeed.

Clark, a substantial American lock, was replaced by his compatriot, Fowler, after 15 minutes, and taken to hospital with damaged ribs and a suspected lung puncture.

WALES: W. R. Blyth (Swansea); M. E. Rees (Neath), R. W. R. Gravell (Llanelli), S. P. Fenwick (Bridgend, captain), P. Daniels (Cardiff) (replacement, P. Morgan, Llanelli); W. G. Davies (Cardiff), B. Williams (Swansea); C. Williams (Swansea), A. Phillips (Cardiff), G. Price (Pontypool), R. Norster (Cardiff), G. A. D. Wheel (Swansea), P. Ringer (Llanelli), F. Butler (Pontypool), J. Squire (Pontypool).

OVERSEAS XV: G. Taylor (Canada); M. Fullwood (Japan), J. Piccardo (Argentina), I. Constantin (Romania), H. Hipp (Japan); R. Madero (Argentina), P. Waisake (Fiji); J. Ishizaka (Japan), M. Luke (Canada), S. Motu'apuaka (Tonga), H. de Goede (Canada), J. Clark (USA) (replacement, J. Fowler, US), F. Marasco (Romania), G. Dumitru (Romania, captain), G. Travaglini (Argentina).

Referee: C. Norling (Wales).

Staying alive: Davies rides the tackle as Ringer (right) comes up in support.

Lancashire confirm their talent

By Tom Cooban

Lancashire 38 Ulster 9

Lancashire defeated a capable Ulster team at Orrell easily enough to convince their supporters that they will remain county champions. Their exciting open play yielded 38 points (four goals, two tries and two penalty goals) to Ulster's nine points (three penalty goals).

Their problem will be which player to leave out of the team when the championship matches start. Only three of Saturday's pack were in last season's side, and room will have to be found for Neary and Cotton, assuming he is fit. Smith, England's scrum half, was partnered by Williams, Orrell's young stand-off, although Horton, his partner in last season's England team, has said he is available for the county. Talent in Lancashire is indeed abundant.

In an evenly-fought first half, Lancashire's young full back, O'Brien, kicked two penalty goals and scored a try. McCombe, Ulster's stand-off, kicked a penalty goal. A favourite tactic was to float the ball high for the forwards to run on to, but passing between the centres gave O'Brien his try.

After half time Williams evaded Ulster's clutches to score a well-earned try which O'Brien converted. Two penalty goals by McCombe kept Ulster buoyant until they wilted under the majesty of tries by Carleton and Slemen, undoubtedly among the world's best wing-threequarters.

Carleton's powerful surging stride gained him a try after at least 10 colleagues handled in a move which went across the field and back. In scoring his next try he was unstoppable as he ran 30 yards down the touchline.

Wright, at centre, scored the next try from an opening by Morris, the loose forward, but the final glory was Slemen's. His run and kick took play from the Lancashire half, and after the ball had travelled across the field, then back to him again, he danced through Ulster's defence. O'Brien converted all except one of the second half tries to enhance a Lancashire triumph.

LANCASHIRE: K. O'Brien (Broughton Park); J. Carleton (Orrell), A. Wright (Sale), P. Phillips (Orrell), M. Slemen (Liverpool); P. Williams (Orrell), S. Smith (Sale); D. Tabern (Fylde), G. D. Fisher (Fylde), T. Simons (Sale), W. R. Beaumont (Fylde, capt), P. Tickner (Sale), P. Moss (Orrell), D. Balmer (Orrell), F. Morris (Liverpool).

ULSTER: R. Elliott (Banbridge); G. McCombe (North), J. Todd (Bangor), J. Hewitt (North), K. Crossan (Instonians); W. McCombe (Bangor), P. Mellon (CIYMS), C. Hanna (Trinity), I. Kidd (Instonians), R. Clegg (Bangor, capt), D. McCracken (London Irish), M. McFeeley (City of Derry), D. Morrow (Bangor), P. Haden (CIYMS), I. Crowe (City of Derry).

Referee: F. Howard (Liverpool and District).

Richmond's diet of starvation

By Gordon Allan

Northampton 27 Richmond 7

Richmond have beaten Northampton more often than not during the past decade, but they never had the ghost of a chance at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday. Northampton, in their first victory of the season, scored three goals, two dropped goals, and a penalty goal; against a penalty goal and a try, and missed away a score or two besides.

It was an efficient, rather than outstanding, performance. Northampton kept Richmond on a starvation diet of possession at the lineouts and rucks, and what followed was inevitable. Page had the freedom to play his favourite game, putting the ball either into touch or into the box, Ebsworth did much the same, and when the Richmond line hove in sight, which frequently happened, Northampton released their backs.

Ebsworth was an England schools international last season. last Wednesday, in an 18—18 draw with Nottingham, he scored all Northampton's points—four penalties, a try, and a conversion. Northampton have high hopes of him. On Saturday he did enough to show why. He also missed three penalties, but anyone can do that. Preston missed four for Richmond.

Richmond would have been glad of those penalties. Their scoring chances were as rare as £100 notes until the last quarter, when Northampton, 21—3 ahead and impregnable, conceded a try by Lambert. Richmond were running the ball from their own goal area by that time, but their cause was lost, and in any case Northampton's defence was equal to most demands.

Northampton led 9—3 at half time. Page dropped a goal from a ruck almost under the crossbar, and Ebsworth converted a try by Greenall. Cannon set up this try direct from a Richmond drop-out. Preston kicked a penalty for Richmond. In the second half, Pinches made the break for a try by McGuckian, and scored one himself in injury time. Mackaness dropped a goal when Gilbert missed touch and Ebsworth kicked a penalty and two conversions.

A satisfying result, then, for Northampton, but hardly a satisfying match for neutral onlookers. The referee blew his whistle too often for that.

NORTHAMPTON: C. Mackaness; P. Bignell, D. Pinches, D. Cooke, P. Ebsworth; J. Todd (captain), J. Pope; N. Fox, J. Raphael, P. Pearce, G. Colwell, D. Hyde, P. Greenall, G. Cannon, R. Wilcox.

RICHMOND: W. Fyfson; C. Lambert, J. McKenzie, K. Preston, D. Willis; G. Gilbert, J. Picton; A. Sheridan, N. Winter, J. Torn, M. Hiss, C. Wilson, J. Fenton, S. Hughes, C. Share.

Referee: R. Kay (Yorkshire).

Bennett still stands out in the crowd

By David Hands

Harlequins 3 Llanelli 16

The passing years do nothing to diminish the stature of Phil Bennett; only, it seemed at Twickenham on Saturday, the stature of those around him diminishes. The neat, pale-faced Welshman, who has captained club, country and British Lions, and is now approaching 32, has settled for rugby for pleasure after 14 years in the first-class game. But he admitted that the game with Harlequins, won by a goal, a try and two penalty goals to a dropped goal, brought little pleasure.

It was untidy, strewn with bits and pieces of play which have yet to slot together in an overall pattern—like Twickenham's new South Stand, littered with construction equipment. At times it was downright tedious until Bennett twinkled his way through for the first try 30 seconds from the end of proper time.

It was by no means the referee's fault that stoppages abounded. Players constantly disregarded the law at ruck and maul and, frustrating though it may have been, paid the penalty. Llanelli were the worst offenders and were lucky that Bushell had an off day with his kicking. He missed four penalty attempts and the substitute, Lawrence, one.

Neither side were assisted by the injuries during the game to Gilmer and Kelly (Harlequins) and the Llanelli full back, Bowen, who broke a leg in the second half. Kelly was slightly concussed, but Gilmer broke a wrist and an elbow, to the regret of both his club and Middlesex. With virtually no secondary ball to play off, both pack divisions had to attack from set pieces and only Bennett looked capable of doing that conclusively.

For 70 minutes he was content to coast, give an exhibition of line-kicking and feed his young outsides. He also kicked two penalties and Macaulay dropped Harlequins's goal. That half-time score looked likely to be the full-time score until Bennett, as if growing impatient with making the openings and seeing others drop the ball, took it on himself to complete what Douglas and Charlie Thomas had started. John added the conversion before Douglas, a promising scrum half, began the move which ended with Kevin Thomas making the most of a huge overlap for the second try.

HARLEQUINS: K. Bushell; S. Moriarty, C. Birkett, C. Pratt, S. Simson; J. Macauley, J. Gimer (replacement R. Lawrence), M. Clayton, I. Thomas (captain), M. Strong, R. Best, C. Kelly (replacement P. Davies), E. Werkes, O. Roddick, D. Harris.

LLANELLI: G. Bowen (replacement K. Thomas); M. Gravelle, R. Bergiers, W. Jones, R. John; P. Bennett (captain), M. Douglas; C. Thomas, D. Evans, R. Ralli, P. May, R. Cornelius, B. Williams, A. Davies, D. Pickering.

Referee: R. Quinnelan (London).

Selkirk run comes to abrupt end

By Iain Mackenzie

Selkirk 0 Stewart's-Melville FP 30

Selkirk's encouraging start to the season—three wins out of three, a sevens trophy and the runners-up position in another sevens tournament—suffered a jolt on Saturday. Less than five minutes of the game had been played when Selkirk fell a goal behind, never to recover. Without once raising their play to the standards needed if hopes of their first national championship as a combined side are to be realized, Stewart's-Melville scored two goals, three tries, a dropped goal and a penalty goal with easy competence.

A club cannot be expected after all, to lose its best players to the South of Scotland's tour of the Irish Republic, lose another man injured early in the second half (without benefit of replacement), and hope seriously to make much impression against one of Scotland's strongest sides. So, early in the season, the arguments have begun again. Is it fair to clubs that there should be so many representative calls on their leading players; and how long must we wait before replacements are allowed for injured men? The Borders sides were among those who voted against replacements at the Scottish Rugby Union's annual meeting in the summer, but I remain convinced they were wrong.

On Saturday Laurie, one of the centres, was carried off on a stretcher with what looked like a bad neck injury. A doctor, summoned hurriedly, confirmed only shoulder bruising, but that is beside the point. There is the strongest possible argument for a doctor, or at least a medically-trained person, and a replacement, to be present during every first class match.

The day did not give Stewart's-Melville too much satisfaction either, but they did manage to establish some sort of record. There were four Calder brothers in the pack and a fifth Calder (no relation) at stand-off. With three Scots, two Duguids and two Brewsters also in the first team party, reporting the side's on-field progress has become quite a problem.

The tries were scored by Lister (two), Blackwood, Lindsay, Duguid and Scott. Morgan kicked two conversions and both the goals.

SELKIRK: I. Balmain; J. Wright, B. Warner, K. Laurie, W. Rutherford; J. Cockburn, R. Hughes; K. Gordon, C. Anderson (captain), P. Tomlinson, T. Ramage, L. Johnson, M. Langhamer, I. Paxton, O. Douglas.

STEWART'S-MELVILLE: A. Scott; L. Duguid, I. Duguid, D. Lister; A. Blackwood; D. Calder, D. Morgan; G. Calder, R. Calderon, A. Aitken, F. Calder, H. Clark, J. B. Calder, J. Calder, A. Brewster (captain).

Referee: E. Allen (Melrose).

Rugby Union

Tour match

Wales (at Cardiff) 32 Overseas XV 25

Representative match

Lancashire 38 Ulster 9

Club matches

Birkenhead Park 0		Sale	22
Blackheath	18	London Irish	24
Bristol	6	Swansea	12
Broughton Park	27	Cheltenham	14
Edinburgh W	0	Morpeth	22
Exeter	33	Camborne	12
Fylde	17	W Hartlepool	12
Glamorgan W	61	Taunton	3
Gloucester	12	Waterloo	10
Gosforth	22	Rosslyn Park	3
Harlequins	3	Llanelli	16
Harrogate	24	Rugby	3
Hartlepool Rvrs	6	Wigan	16
Huddersfield	10	Roundhay	18
Leicester	30	London Welsh	15
Liverpool	21	Boroughmuir	4
London Scottish	35	Headingley	10
Metro Police	44	Birmingham	9
Middlesbrough	13	Durham City	3
Morley	16	Hawick	12
Moseley	3	Bath	7
New Brighton	14	Heriot's FP	9
Northampton	27	Richmond	7
Nottingham	13	Bedford	3
Penarth	22	Esher	12
Saracens	6	Bridgend	24
Sheffield	40	Keighley	7
Torquay	-	Ebbw Vale	27
Vale of Lune	19	Instonians	9
Wasps	20	Streatham/Cyds	3
Weston-s-Mare	0	Abertillery	6
Wilmslow	16	Manchester	9

SCOTTISH RESULTS: Border League: Melrose 9, Langholm 7. Other matches: Glasgow High 16, West of Scotland 18, Glasgow Acads 16, Hillhead 6; Kirk 10, Edinburgh AD Delphi HSFP 18, Ardrossan Acads 6; Cambuslang 15, Paisley Grammars 15; Trinity Acads 4, Watsonians 3; Preston Lodge FP 23, Corstorphine 4, Broughton FP 0, Leith Acads 8; Grangemouth 0, Stirling County 26; Glenrothes 6, Howe of Fife 4; Madras College 4, Jed 31; Allan Glens 0; Dunfermline HSFP 37, Kelvinside Acads 6; Dundee HSFP 11, Morgan Acads FP 15; Gordonians 29, Clarkston 6; Highland 23, Kirkcaldy 9; Aberdeen GSFP 16, Strathmore 4; Gala 29, Northern 9; Selkirk 0, Stewarts Melville FP 30; Jedforest 4, Kilmarnock 9; Tyrrdale 16, Ayr 7; Blaydon 9, Jordanhill 6; Perth Park 6, Royal High 21; Hyton 16, Haddington 17.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Alleyne's, Stevenage 4, Haydon 21; Alldallows 7, Queen's, Taunton 20; Arnold, Blackpool 3, St Edward, Liverpool 6; Ashfield 6, Dame Allan's 12; Bancroft's 31, Brentwood 0; Barnard Castle 26, Woodhouse Grove 6; Bedford 37, St Edward's, Oxford 0; Bearwood 0, Bablake 50; J. N. Hedley's XV 19; Belmont Abbey 6, Cheltenham 8; Bishop Vesey's GS 21, John Willmott 3; Bishop Wordsworth 9, St Brendan's 9; Bloxham 13, St Bartholomew's, Newbury 16; Blundell's 26, Tiverton 3; Brighton 38, St John's, Leatherhead 0; Bristol GS 6, Downside 10; Bryanston 0, Old Bryanstonians 14; Campion 26, Colfe's, 14; Chatham House 44, Dover College 4; Cheshunt 18, Broxbourne 6; Chichester HS 58, Bishop Luffa 0; Chiswick 28, Glyn GS 3; Christ, Brecon 42, King's, Worcester 15; Christopher Wren 4, Beverley 17; Ashville 6, Dame Allan's 12; Sutton Valence 11, Old Suttonians 11.

Churchers 0, King Edward's, Southampton 44; City of London Freemans 21, Pierrepont 3; Clayesmore 15, Kings Bruton 6; Clifton 0, QEH Bristol 19; Colchester RGS 16, St Joseph's, Ipswich 20; Cryst. Gloucester 0, Worcester RGS 19; Culford 46, Norwich 6; Dean Close 11, Whitefriars 0; Desborough 6, Forest 0; Dulwich 0, Roselyn Park colts 14; Durham 3, Edinburgh Academy 9; Eastbourne 16, Cranleigh 27; Ellesmere 10, Bromsgrove 9; Emanuel 20, St Mary's, Sidcup 3; Emsworth 6, Shipton 3, Lancaster RGS 25; Eton 17, Dover 4; Exeter 16, Kelly 10; Felsted 21, Haileybury 9; Giggleswick 19, Old Giggleswicklans 3; Goffs GS 6, William Ellis 16; Gunnersbury 42, Isleworth 10; Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree 6, Old Haberdashers 4; Haberdashers' Aske's, Hatcham 12, St Joseph's Academy 6; Hampton 16, Chislehurst & Sidcup GS 4.

Hipperholme GS 44, King's, Pontefract 0, Howard 0, Maidstone 40; Hurstpierpoint 37, Burgess Hill colts 0, Hymerian Colts 0, Pocklington 66; John Fisher 12, Reigate GS 0; King Henry VIII Coventry 33, King Edward's, Lichfield 6; Taunton L, Wellington Somerset 3; Langley Park 38, Chatham THS 0; Leeds GS 16, Ripon GS 9; Llandovery 47, Cowbridge 0; London Oratory 0, Trinity 29; Lord Wandsworth 22, Pangbourne 19; Lord Williams's, Thame 14, High Wycombe RGS 0; Loughborough 14, Nottingham HS 6; Marling 12, Cheltenham 9; Merchant Taylors' Northwood 10, St Albans 20; Monkton Combe 3, Old Elsts 12; Monmouth 30, Marlborough 3; Newcastle RGS 16, Welbeck 3; Oakham 17, Oundle 0; Queen Elizabeth, Wakefield 12, Hymers 8; Queen Mary's, Walsall 22, Abbot Beyne 0.

Reading 23, Stoneham 10; Rendcomb 13, King Edward's, Bath 10; Richard Hale 30, St Ignatius 0; Rochester Maths 6, Dartford GS 13, Royal Latin 0, Aylesbury GS 26; Rydal 10, Liverpool 3; Rugby 16, Warwick 3; St George's, Harpenden 0, Berkhamsted 13; St John's, Southsea 20, Stanbridge Earls 7; St Olave's 3, Judd 35; St Paul's 13, KCS Wimbledon 3; Sherborne 0, Old Boys 13; St Roger, Barnet 18, Watford GS 3, Hitchin 3; West Bridgford HS 0, St James, Grimsby 36; West Buckland 0, Plymouth College 23; Westcliff HS 7, Royal Hospital School Holbrook 29; West Park GS 7, Wirral GS 7, Whitgift 35, St George's, Weybridge 14; Wimbledon 21, Wallington HS 6; Woodbridge 12, Framlingham 16; Wrekin 10, Adams GS 10.

London Welsh go under to Hare's kicking

The former Wales full back, J. P. R. Williams, had a quiet game for his club, Bridgend, as they took an impressive 24—15 victory over Saracens at Southgate on Saturday. Stand-off Hall kicked 16 points for Bridgend with four penalties and two conversions.

The England full back, Hare, also had his kicking boots on as he put over 14 of Leicester's 30 points against London Welsh. Leicester turned on an exciting second-half display, including tries from Williams, Kenney and Gillingham.

Another second-half rally came from London Scottish who ran in five tries against Headingley to complete a 35—10 win. Elsewhere Gosforth confirmed their return to top form with a crushing 22—3 defeat of Rosslyn Park, and Bath won a grim 7—3 encounter at Moseley, thanks to a try from Wyatt.

Yesterday

CLUB MATCHES: Maesteg 28, Plymouth Albion 10; Cross Keys 14, Pontypridd 34.

Why the Labour Party structure must change

A group of Labour MPs led by Mr Mike Thomas, member for Newcastle Upon Tyne East, today issue a call for reform of the Labour Party.
The full text of the statement is published exclusively in The Times.

Above, Messrs Mike Thomas, George Robertson, Alan Fitch, John Cartwright, and William Hamilton

Messrs Thomas Urwin, Tom Ellis, Ian Wrigglesworth, John Roper and John Horam. The other two in the group, Mr Eric Ogden and Arthur Palmer, are not shown.

As the Labour Party conference approaches, soothing voices are to be heard telling us all is at last to be well with This Great Movement Of Ours. Tony Benn and his constitutional changes will be staved off; the leadership will rest secure with the parliamentary Labour Party; the NEC will come under control again, policy differences can be swept under the carpet; the unions will bail us out from bankruptcy; and unemployment and the Thatcher/Joseph/Howe brand of economic masochism will ensure us victory at the next election.

No doubt there will be many, battle weary from the last three years of party infighting, sick to death of constitutional arguments, desperately anxious to get on with the job of getting the Tories out at the earliest possible opportunity, who will understandably want to see things that way. It's a cosy scenario. Unfortunately, it begs almost every important question currently facing the Labour Party.

First, even if the constitutional proposals (to compel constituency Labour Parties to submit their MPs to full reselection procedures, even when a majority of their constituency party members want to keep them; to take away from the parliamentary Labour Party their rights in determining the Manifesto jointly with the NEC; and to contrive an electoral college to elect the Leader of the Party) are defeated—and this is by no means certain—it will only be by a narrow margin. Those proposing the changes have already announced that if they lose this year they will continue to press them.

They will, somewhat hypocritically but nevertheless justifiably, point to the doubtful legitimacy of the party conference as at present composed (and to the inadequacies of the trade union block vote in particular) and carry on their campaign. If they win then the opponents of the changes will no doubt take the same line. Nothing will in fact be settled.

As far as the NEC is concerned, even if the centre-right were to hold its 9:3 majority in the trade union section and gain three seats in the women's section (an unlikely result), a 12:17 deficit would only be turned into an uncertain 15:14 majority. The NEC would still be left unreformed and unrepresentative of the party as a whole.

On policy, the leftward drift that began with the *Peace, Jobs and Freedom* document presented to the Wembley conference is likely to be consolidated by the approval in some form of the "Draft Manifesto". Even the *Trade and Industry* paper from the Labour Party/TUC Liaison Committee, while it makes much more of an attempt to reflect economic reality, is vulnerable to the central criticism of all three documents: that they are unimaginative and doctrinaire in tone, pinning their hopes on the old formulae of public ownership, state intervention and moves towards protectionism, and avoiding many of the real issues.

In any case, packages agreed by the sleight of hand of asking everyone to approve documents as a whole, when individual parts might well have been defeated if voted upon separately, are intrinsically unsatisfactory. For everyone will be able to pick and choose which bits to emphasize, while the groundwork is being laid for yet another of the left's favourite Catch 22s: a Labour Government coming into office with commitments people know it cannot keep, set up to be vilified when—surprise, surprise—it fails to keep them.

The party's financial position will further inhibit our electoral prospects. Not only because of the party's parlous financial state. The trade unions are no longer prepared simply to pass more and more money across to the NEC. They have set up a monitoring committee to provide extra funds only on specific justification. In these circumstances many electors are likely to believe that a party supervised, IMF style, by a trade union committee is rather more closely obligated to the trade unions than they would wish for—or vote for.

Add to this the catastrophic membership situation revealed by the Commission of Inquiry, with fewer Labour supporters and voters playing a part in the party's affairs than at any time in its recent history (with, as a result, the democratic structure at the constituency level sometimes reduced to a charade) and anyone who thinks the Labour Party's troubles will be over after Blackpool is clearly under a delusion.

The culprits for this state of affairs are paradoxically not only the hard left. It was cynical but clever of them to see that the inevitable and traditional swing away from the party leadership and establishment after an election defeat could be used, not just to gain some leftward policy shifts which might ultimately be reversed or ignored by the party leadership, but to change the party's constitution permanently to advantage the left. Within the constituencies, it is difficult to blame left-wing groups who see the opportunity to gain control from trying to do so, although some of their tactics are profoundly undemocratic.

No, the blame must rest not only with the organized left, but also with those of left, right and centre, who so ardently cling to the status quo. Even now, those who are briefing so diligently that Jim has fixed it, Denis will inherit and all will be for the best in the best of all possible worlds, do so while hankering through rose-coloured spectacles for the good old days, when the NEC caused no trouble, the trade union block vote stilled all rebellion in the conference and the constituencies, the PLP did largely as it was asked, and the powers that be could rule untroubled by inconvenient disturbances from below.

It has to be said that for nearly 20 years now, it has been tempting for those on the centre and right in the party to want the nonsenses of the party structure left untouched and unreformed. So that no rival centre of power could legitimately touch on the real business of running the Labour Party, centralized in a very few hands.

This combined with an understandable and wholly proper desire to keep the party united in the short run has too often led to a tendency to stuffy and stodgy fudging on the centre-right rather than the forthright confrontation of the problems of the party which we believe is long overdue.

The prospect for the run up to the next election does not allow us the luxury of this kind of complacency. Mrs Thatcher has a majority over Labour of 71, likely to be increased effectively by 20 to 30 seats through the redistribution process. In addition at least some Labour candidates may face competition for Labour votes from Social Democratic Alliance candidates, from sitting Labour MPs dislodged by the reselection process and perhaps from a new Centre Party. It is hard to believe that this would not cost the party, even in favourable electoral circumstances, more Lincolns and Scunthorpes.

The option of carrying on to the next election on the old recipe is the route to defeat—or at the very best a Labour Government unable to govern effectively and soon out on its ear again with redoubled disillusion.

We really can not go on like this and that is why we believe Shirley Williams, Bill Rodgers and David Owen were right to speak out as they did.

But simply to reassert the underlying ideas of domestic socialism is not to draw up a coherent and relevant programme—something hardly yet begun. If we are to get the policy issues right we must now move to put our own house in order and that means facing up to some very difficult issues.

The first and most difficult is how we are to reform the relationship between the political and industrial wings of the Labour movement: between the party and the trade unions. The present relationship is clearly unsatisfactory and is becoming more so simply because the nature of the trade unions is changing. With the phenomenal growth of white collar unionism, a smaller and smaller proportion of trade union members are Labour supporters.

Unions who, even 10 years ago, were considering affiliation to the party (the teachers and local government officers for example) now show no signs of doing so. In other unions the proportion of members paying the political levy is falling off slowly but surely: in the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs for example it is now down to less than 30 per cent. For a generation the unions have been growing away from party political adherence and many senior trade union figures are essentially industrial in their outlook rather than political. Indeed it may be argued that the "winter of discontent" arose primarily because the medium term political consequences of their industrial activities were not seen clearly by some of the new generation of trade union leaders, or indeed their members.

The historical relationship of the unions and the Labour Party must change to meet a changing social and economical climate, not least among trade union members themselves. It has at least to be considered that the role of the trade unions in financing the Labour Party—and in particular its damaging effect on the legitimacy of the party's claim to a democratic structure through the purchasing of block votes at the party conference—may not be appropriate for a democratic socialist party in the 1980s and 1990s.

Which brings us straight to the structure of the party itself. It would not take de Tocqueville to point out how flawed our claim to a democratic structure now is. The average Labour vote in 1979 was around 20,000 in each constituency yet now, at best, 300-500 (less than 2½ per cent) of those voters are members of their Constituency Labour Party and only around 50-60 (one quarter of one per cent) serve on the constituency management committee. Indeed, in many Labour held inner city seats the position is much worse than this. Many general management council delegates arrive there almost self-appointed, representing an organization which literally had so few active participants there was no-one else to send.

This is not to criticize tens of thousands of dedicated party workers who often plough a lonely and unrewarded furrow in their locality, but simply to point out that the level of participation in the party is now so low that its claim to provide a vehicle for the representation of the views of Labour voters is at real risk.

At the national level the conference is dominated by the trade union block vote; the National Executive Committee has genuine grass roots party activists, representatives of Labour in local government, non representatives of the parliamentary Labour Party as such amongst its members, and the parliamentary Labour Party itself is often perfunctory in its operations whether as a forum for debate or real decision taking. All these institutions are crying out for reform.

Rather than clinging desperately to the shaking life raft of the status quo we should now be saying with all our heart "Yes, we do need to change, to get up to date, to bring some real democracy and vitality back to our proceedings".

The Committee of Inquiry, fatally flawed from the outset by the arguments about its composition, and with its obvious desire for compromise to avoid rather than face difficult issues, was an inevitable and dismal failure.

What is needed, now is a determined initiative to sort these matters out. In our view the following measures are required.

1 The first priority is to involve far more Labour voters in the workings of the party at every level. We believe the biggest incentive we could give would be to allow every party member of, say, one year's standing to participate and vote in the selection and reselection of Labour parliamentary candidates—as we do for local authority candidates. And to accept that, on this basis alone, if the constituency party wishes it, every Labour MP should undergo full reselection once in every parliament.

2 To introduce wider democratic participation in the affairs of local constituency parties, the annual general meeting of each constituency should be a meeting of all members at which the officers, party executive and conference delegate should be elected and the main policy issues to come before the annual party conference should be considered.

3 The NEC must be restructured so that ordinary party members, Labour groups on local authorities and the parliamentary party are all properly and directly represented. There must also be an appropriate regional balance. The organization of the party is far too heavily weighted towards London.

4 We should accept that the present arrangements for drawing up the party's manifesto are unsatisfactory. They do give the NEC and the leadership too much say—and the trade unions too much too, through the conference votes which at the outset place items in the party programme—and party members too little. If the NEC were reformed along the lines suggested above, and if there was a determined effort to widen the basis on which the policy is initially discussed and promulgated, and to recognize the special role of the parliamentary party with its responsibility for day-to-day implementation of policy and to Labour voters as a whole, this would, in itself, constitute a major and much needed improvement in the mechanism for settling the content of the manifesto.

5 We should also accept that there is nothing sacrosanct about the way we currently elect the leader of the party. It does leave constituencies without a Labour MP unrepresented and there may be a case for involving the trade unions in the choice. However, an electoral college with constant rows about whether or not its composition has been arrived at to suit a particular canddate or section of the party is no answer.

Proponents of change never answer the central objection to extra-parliamentary involvement in the choice of leader—that any leader must, in our parliamentary system, command the support of his party in the House of Commons. But that is no reason why a leader of the party in the country—separate from the leader of the parliamentary party and preferably elected by all party members in a postal ballot—should not also be part of the party's structure, representing the views of party members to the parliamentary leadership from a position of real influence.

6 The last major step that should be taken is to get firmly onto the agenda a real discussion about reforming the relationship of the trade unions and the party. The changing nature of the unions, their block vote at conference, their role in financing the party continue to raise important questions. We believe they should be avoided no longer.

None of these issues will go away, whatever happens at Blackpool and whoever succeeds when Jim Callaghan decides to retire from the leadership.

We may struggle along for a few years more or less as we are, but the cracks are now clearly visible and can only widen. Blackpool may paper them over but the structure will still be weak underneath.

The challenge to the Labour Party in the 1980s is to face up to the need for change—how otherwise can we ever expect to go credibly to the electorate and claim to be the party that will make the radical changes in Britain's economic and social fabric we all believe and know are long overdue?

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Mario Modiano in Ankara on the background to the events of September 12

Why Turkey's coup was different

If we assume that terrorism in Turkey, which has cost 5,700 lives in the past two years, was the work of extremist minorities, then we accept inevitably that for the majority of Turks the military takeover of September 12 was a welcome relief.

However distasteful it may be to defend a coup, one must admit that the relief is there and it is visible. This is no ordinary *Putsch* by power-hungry officers. It is an outburst of exasperation from the highest rungs of the military hierarchy in a country whose democratic institutions had become bogged down by a paralysing combination of faulty parliamentary arithmetics and short-sighted political ambitions.

The restraint, even reluctance, with which the Chief of Staff, General Kenan Evren, and his four service chiefs acted, prompted by a sense of mission born out of the Kemalist tradition, that may be difficult to understand outside Turkey, has earned them not only docile acceptance at home, but also a remarkable degree of tolerance from abroad.

The new rulers seem determined not to squander this reserve of good will. So they have taken a solemn oath to do the job and clear out of politics. A top-ranking official who is close to the generals said: "They have no vested interest in staying in power. They know that the longer they remain the greater the risks of division among them. The memory of the errors committed after the 1960 coup are still fresh in their minds."

What is still unclear is whether the Turkish military will try to solve the country's acute problems themselves, then hand over a clean slate to the politicians. Or if they will recast the rules of the democratic game in the sacrosanct moulds of Kemalism, then let the professional politicians finish the job.

As things stand today, the "National Security Council" which rules Turkey by decree is pledged to produce a new charter to redress all the constitutional defects that emerged in the decade since the last military intervention and the constitutional revision that followed it.

How, for instance, to modify the procedure for the election of the head of state that left Turkey without a President for the past six months? Or how to empower the President to dismiss a parliament whose composition breeds government instability or worse?

Mr Demirel and Mr Ecevit, the leaders of the two big parties, unable to muster a majority in successive elections, had reached the point of sacrificing even the secular principles of Kemalism to curry the support of Mr Erbakan's religious extremists or of former Colonel Turkes's neo-fascist gangs, in order to assume or remain in power.

All this the generals now promise to change. And if they can have sound advice from the civilian executive, their experiment may yet succeed.

The most urgent task for the new regime will be to combat terrorism. Legislation is desperately needed to increase penalties and ensure speedy trials, but mainly the need is for measures to boost the morale of the security forces.

No one, of course, expects the political violence to end overnight. But the Turks cannot help but feel relieved as they read such headlines as: "One week before: 99 dead. One week after: 4."

If the military fail in their efforts to stamp out terrorism, the credibility of the armed forces will suffer a serious blow. The army remains the cornerstone of the system set up by Ataturk, and a failure might open a pandora's box. It is Turkey's last card.

Precisely because the stakes are so high, this may encourage the revolutionary left (more than the extreme right) to launch a war of attrition against this last bulwark of the established order.

To avert this prospect, the military regime could be tempted to use systematic repression, even order executions. This would inevitably touch off strong reactions from public opinion in those western countries on whose help Turkey's new leaders rely.

These dilemmas persist as the excitement, the fears and the doubts evoked by the coup subside and life in Turkey rapidly switches to an almost forgotten pattern of disciplined normality.

Most Turks agree that the September 12 coup was carefully planned in advance. The generals must have envisaged this contingency after the politicians ignored General Evren's stern warning last December urging them to stop haggling and join forces to rescue the nation. In the nine months that followed, the politicians disregarded one warning too many.

What actually triggered the coup was one incident that General Evren himself has singled out: it was Mr Erbakan's ally in Konya six days before the coup, which gave an ugly sample of what the Turkish version of Khomeinism might be.

Frenzied demonstrators, defiantly donning prohibited Muslim garb, screamed for the enforcement of the *Sheriat* (Muslim law) and when the national anthem was sung, the crowd sat down in manifest contempt. All this was anathema to the army.

Far from being an isolated episode, this was part of a degenerative pattern that was eroding the system. In fact, Mr Erbakan, while lending parliamentary support to Mr Demirel's minority government and negotiating the next coalition with Mr Ecevit, managed to force, barely a week before the coup, the resignation of Mr Demirel's pro-western foreign minister, on a vote of censure linked to Turkey's pro-Muslim orientation. Mr Ecevit lent him parliamentary support for this, while Mr Demirel meekly dissociated himself from his minister's policies in order to survive in office.

If Mr Erbakan, taking advantage of his 22 votes in a parliament of 450, indulged in political acrobatics keeping Turkey's big parties on their toes, the discreet but nefarious infiltration of Mr Turkes's rightist extremists in key posts of the administration and the police eroded the state's struggle against violence from within.

Against this background, it is no longer difficult to explain why the new state of affairs was accepted in Turkey so readily, almost like *Kismet*. The fear, the sense of relief, was not felt only within the establishment. It engulfed the left, even the people of the shanty towns that girdle the big cities, until last week the hotbed of left-right in-fighting.

The army itself is displaying extraordinary self-confidence, leaning as it does on the Turk's atavistic reverence for the soldier. Especially if the hierarchical chain of command is respected. Militants, politicians, trade unionists were not rounded up overnight as one would have expected of any coup. With few exceptions they were invited by telephone or through the newspapers to turn themselves in. Few failed to do so.

No censorship was imposed. There was not a word of censure or criticism of the coup or its leaders, even in the pro-Marxist newspapers. The Turkish journalists exercised remarkable self-restraint. Most questions were never asked. Not out of fear but because in Turkey it simply is not done.

Even the most dogmatic of Turkey's democrats who feel committed to condemn the military coup for reasons of principle or as a bad precedent agree on two points: first, that the coup was not the worst thing that happened to democracy in Turkey; secondly, that the generals should be helped to get it over with and go.

Professor Turan Güneş, a former foreign minister in Mr Ecevit's Social Democrat Party, who is in Strasbourg this week explaining to the Council of Europe, not without embarrassment, why Turkey's coup is different, told me: "We must help the regime to accomplish its objective which is to reinstate democratic rule in Turkey. But to help certainly does not mean to condone their action or to support it. It means that, in all good will, we must help them avoid mistakes. I wish Europe would do the same."

Afghanistan: waiting for Mr Reagan

What is the western world doing about the Afghan war? In comparable conflicts—Vietnam, Rhodesia or Angola—the Soviet Union has been quick to rally world opinion against the imperialists and colonialists, then to supply armed insurgents with finance, arms and logistic support. So what are the United States and its allies now doing to help those now fighting an undoubted "war of national liberation" in Afghanistan?

In Washington and London nowadays this is an awkward question, evoking suitably coy replies. No one is willing to say whether or not the mujahedin are being helped. Last week a senior State Department official spoke to me readily about the $44m provided by the United States for Afghan refugees, mainly wheat and vegetable oil, but would not answer questions about actual aid to the guerrillas. A White House spokesman told me: "This is the position we take on all problems that could involve covert activity. If you deny one operation, you have to deny all of them. So we never confirm or deny."

The Foreign Office's answers are similarly delphic. "Aid seems to be getting through", they say. "But it is doubtful whether it would be helpful to the Afghan people to be specific about the sources." The impression is thus given that an effective "low profile" operation is actually in progress, that the West's allies in opposing Soviet encroachment are not being left in the lurch. It is simply the normal rules of undercover work, one is given to understand, that make it impossible to provide details.

It would not be wise, it seems, for the West to give the mujahedin open support, since this would put in jeopardy the considerable political gain accruing to the West from last December's invasion. For the first time an issue has arisen which seriously divides the Soviet and Islamic blocks.

For once the western powers find themselves voting with the majority in the United Nations. Open support for the guerrillas, it is said, would give credence to the Soviet claim that opposition to their takeover is no more than an imperialist plot. It would help the Soviet Union to repair its alliance with Arab and Muslim nationalism.

Therefore the West will maintain its partial grain embargo, restrict the supply of technology, put pressure on the Soviet Union in the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly, without of course seeming to take the lead, and in the Madrid review conference. It will continue to help Afghan refugees in Pakistan. But as for aid to the guerrillas—it will not confirm or deny that any such aid is being given.

This western policy has not seriously been challenged in press or parliament largely because of the widespread belief that the guerrillas are in fact being helped, albeit covertly. In fact they are not. Sayid Ahmed Gailani, leader of the National Islamic Front for Afghanistan, the largest resistance group, told me last week that his organization has no link with the CIA or any American body.

As far as he is aware—and his several-hundred-thousand-strong group is in a to know these things—there is no significant CIA activity in Afghanistan. And, in spite of his urgent requests, his men have received no western supplies or other help, directly or indirectly.

Afghan tribesmen with assorted weapons.

The problem is that western governments receive conflicting information about the mujahedin's credibility as a resistance group. On the one hand, no one doubts their toughness and deep commitment to their country's liberation.

But they are seriously divided. The group that receives most publicity, in spite of its small numbers, is the fundamentalist Islamic body headed by Golbuddin Hekmatyar, compared to whom Ayatollah Khomeini could be described as a liberal. Until recently, because of their affinity with President Zia ul-Haq's supporters and the Libyan Government, which provides Pakistan with lavish funds, they have received favours from Pakistani officialdom, the lion's share of the food aid and of the small amount of military equipment provided by Egypt.

Through his Pakistani supporters Golbuddin has had first call on visiting journalists, many of whom return home unimpressed by his group's cautious approach to the war and shocked by their "anti-Christ" attitudes. An Afghanistan ruled by Golbuddin, many conclude, would be as oppressive and anti-western as the present administration.

All this militates against the Gailani group, which takes an enlightened attitude towards members of other faiths, in the tradition of Islam's founders. "To be a good Muslim, a man must first of all be a good Christian and a good Jew", one of his supporters told me. Saudi Arabia and other Islamic governments hesitate in today's climate to support such a moderate line, especially as they detect the West's own hesitation. Golbuddin is encouraged to stand aloof.

The Gailani group is thus starved of supplies. Its leaders tour Islamic and western capitals, receiving words of encouragement and sympathy, sometimes even promises, but no action and no money.

They need ammunition too for the new Kaleshnikov machine rifles. ("Our best supplier is the Soviet army", says Gailani.) They need money to help refugees inside Afghanistan, as well as the 80,000 who cross into Pakistan every month, and to maintain their political activity. They want equipment for a radio station, the means to speak to Soviet troops as well as their own people, and above all rocket launchers for use against the cruel helicopter gunships. If only they had the money, they say, they could acquire the weapons somehow, since there are market places for such goods. And Mr Gailani is now confident after a recent meeting with General Zia and a general improvement in relations with the government that he would be allowed to get such weapons through Pakistan into the right hands.

Journalists have accused him of exaggeration, though they are strangely unwilling to accept his offer to take them into Afghanistan to test his claims. Others, unwilling to deride such brave men, are content to sit on the sidelines and applaud. In either case Gailani senses betrayal, not so much of himself as of the West's own interest. He sees only one hope—a Reagan victory in November.

"American foreign policy will be reviewed in all respects on assumption of power. This includes Afghanistan. All options will be considered", Mr Reagan's foreign affairs adviser, Mr Richard Allen, told me last week. Gailani supporters met Mr Allen's colleague Mr Robert Pfaltzgraff in London and were encouraged by what he said.

The Afghan resistance's request is therefore the same as Churchill's 40 years ago: "Give us the tools and we will finish the job". Mr Gailani still believes that he can liberate his country, in spite of the world's scepticism. If only he had the equipment, he says, he could double the 120,000 mujahedin presently under his control and make things far more uncomfortable for the occupying forces, in the towns as well as the countryside, so uncomfortable as to bring about a collapse in their morale.

Members of the Afghan army have already defected to his ranks. He wants to have Soviet soldiers surrendering to him too and then speaking on his radio to their comrades on both sides of the border. As soon as this happens, he believes, the Soviet Government will suddenly find itself willing to come to the negotiating table and discuss Lord Carrington's idea of a neutral Afghanistan.

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Labour needs action to match its words

I wonder just how many people realize the influence Marxism has had on the Labour Party and in particular on some of its leading figures. There are those who would argue that Methodism has been more influential. It certainly had its place, but I believe that Marxism has been a more powerful influence.

Take Robert Blatchford, for example, the editor of the old socialist journal, *Clarion*, and author of *Merrie England*. In his *My Eighty Years* he said that when he was on the *Chronicle* staff he wrote a leader in which he rightfully socialism. At Irlam Liverpool working man sent him a letter of protest, saying that he obviously knew nothing of socialism, and that he was talking nonsense. He forwarded Blatchford a pamphlet by William Morris and H. M. Hyndman, entitled *What is Socialism*. From that Blatchford says that he "grasped the collective idea. I saw that it was what I wanted, I went in for Socialism, as my friends remarked, headlong."

Blatchford's *Clarion* and booklets were tremendously effective and helped build a mass socialist movement. He was clearly influenced by Marxian concepts as both William Morris and Hyndman were members of the Social Democratic Federation which was a Marxist organization.

> 'The word of Labour has been turning sour . . . the time has come to sweeten it again'

Writing of Marx and Engels in his book *The Socialist Movement*, published in 1911, Ramsay MacDonald said: "Marx worked for immediate practical effects, and he secured them. He saturated some of the intellectual accuracy of the Socialist case, but he made the Socialist movement." He also wrote: "He made many mistakes of the man of action who had to do a certain definite piece of work, and his errors helped him." MacDonald, then rather typically said, "That done, Marx can be revised."

In his book *In Place of Fear* Nye Bevan says that as a young man he closely studied Marxism. He was, however, very critical of some aspects of Marxism, and says, "I was deeply conscious of this failure to take account of what, for want of a better phrase, I call the subjective attitude of peoples".

Even the Fabian Society during its formative years was much influenced by Marxism. Pease, Olivier, Webb and William Clarke were certainly sceptical of Marxism, but others like Keddell, Bland and Shaw were favourably disposed to it. In their reading list for 1891, prepared by Graham Wallas, the Fabians included Marxist works which were then available—Vol 1 of *Capital*, *The Communist Manifesto*, *The Civil War in France*, *Socialism, Utopian and Scientific*, Hyndman's *England for All* and *Historical Bases of Socialism in England* were well known to the Fabians and frequently discussed.

So those who suggest that Marxism is alien to British Labour tradition are historically wrong. It is perfectly true that Labour has never been a Marxist party, but it has closely associated with Marxists in the Second and Socialist International bodies. Like Christianity, Marxism takes on various forms. The dogmatic sectarian form is something to be resisted, but in doing that we would be quite wrong to throw out the baby with the bath water.

Much of the media in Britain today writes as if to be a Marxist is to be evil. Marxism is equated with bureaucratic communist regimes, and in its extreme to the bloody and vicious system of Pol Pot which briefly but horribly had control of Cambodia.

What is needed is a balance view. The Labour Party must continue to be made up of people whose common basic belief is the acceptance of democracy as the essential ingredient of Socialism and who will practically discuss and democratically decide how Socialism can be achieved.

In any "broad church", however, there must be a limit. It cannot be so broad as to undermine its very foundations. For example, acceptance of the mixed economy with a balance between public and private ownership is one thing, but to go beyond that and totally accept, as some do, the free market economy is in reality the opposite to Socialism, and those who advocate such policy should do so outside the Labour Party and not try to deflect Labour from its goal of creating a socialist society.

This year, Labour's conference, contrary to what some political pundits are saying, is not being asked to decide between sectarian Marxism or social democracy. It will be faced with the question of modernizing the party, of making it strong and flexible and a determined instrument in the fight to defeat Toryism.

If its policies remain strongly socialist, this will not lose Labour votes as Shirley Williams and her friends maintain. On the contrary, it has surely been proved that it is right-wing Labour policies which lose votes. It is flabbiness and indecisiveness which cause disillusionment.

Yes, Parliament must be strengthened, but in the way described by Nye Bevan when he wrote, "It is essential to be clear about the role of Parliament in times of social upheaval and change if democratic processes are to be refreshed and strengthened, even as the changes are being carried out . . . Parliamentary democracy is essentially Government by discussion. But if discussion is not quickly followed by resolute and decisive action, then the vitality of democracy declines. If the dead follows too tardily on the word then the word turns sour."

The word of Labour has been turning sour, and the time has now come to sweeten it again. That is the task facing Labour's forthcoming conference, and in accomplishing this it will strengthen Labour's "broad church".

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DIARY OF A SURPRISING CITY

I had not expected to like Mexico City much. I knew little except that it was among the most populous cities in the world, with all that the hazards of air pollution, traffic and slums imply. Even its cuisine, as manifested in North America, is on the dreary side, basically crisp pancakes covered in a universal sloppy hot sauce.

My only previous visit to Mexico had been an evening in one of those honky-tonk towns just across the United States border. I assumed that the capital would be as tacky but on a larger scale as Spanish-speaking New York without the sophistication.

It was not a bit like that. From the drive from the airport, down broad boulevards lined with Mediterranean-style buildings, it is apparent that Mexico City has a European rather than an American flavour.

I was there with my wife and son for a few days at the start of a holiday which was to take us chiefly to the Yucatan peninsula, the bit of Mexico that sticks up into the Caribbean, noted for its soft beaches, translucent water and Mayan ruins. We included Mexico City in the itinerary only because I think it insulting to visit a country without at least a token pilgrimage to its capital.

As soon as we had checked into our modest hotel we went on an exploratory walk. We wandered through galleried hotel lobbies of a turn-of-the-century elegance, smacked our lips at the windows of cake shops containing an array of highly-coloured confections and had tea in a splendidly tiled colonial mansion converted into a food shop.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of visiting strange cities is stumbling by chance on an unexpected eccentricity. Walking back from tea we passed along a street of several hundred yards devoted almost entirely to shops selling electric food blenders, or spare parts for them.

When we had become familiar with local gastronomic practices we realized that these are used primarily for making drinks from fruit pulp, sometimes mixed with milk or water. These are sold from roadside stalls: more than in most big cities, the food and drink here rely primarily on fresh produce.

Breakfast is chiefly eggs, with a choice of red, hot (rather than red-hot) sauces poured over them and usually a soggy tortilla—the pancakes of which I wrote at the beginning—underneath. Lunch is the main meal of the day: Mexicans take it late, at two or three in the afternoon, and many shops do not reopen until five.

The best lunch value is the *Comida corrida*, a succession of different courses for an extraordinarily low cost. At one venerable old restaurant near the city centre we galloped our way through the following redoubtable six-course menu: oyster cocktail, vegetable soup, a delicious lentil stew, a slice of fried fish, meat balls or veal in a pinkish sauce, cream caramel or ice cream and coffee. It came to 100 pesos (about £2) each and none of it threatened to sear the lining of our throats.

We had been led to the restaurant (called T. J. Danubio if you are thinking of going) by a book called *Mexico on ten and fifteen dollars a day*. Although this was a true find, its recommendations were not consistently reliable.

We picked our hotel from the same guide book. Although it was certainly cheap and the rooms spacious, the book did not mention the bells from the next-door church, which wakened us promptly at 6.30 every morning.

My favourite local dish was *chicken mole*—with emphasis on the "e". It has nothing to do with the mammal of that same name but denotes a savoury sauce made of unsweetened chocolate and herbs. It sounds nasty only if you have never tasted it.

The best *chicken mole* I ate was, surprisingly, at the racecourse. For one who knows racecourse food as greasy pies, sausage rolls and overpriced fish and chips (or in America, hot dogs and flabby pizza), this was a revelation. A small café near the paddock was serving delectable food, all freshly prepared, with a view of the jockeys mounting.

The second triumph as the races came when we left. It had been raining and a taxi driver, sensing easy-to-fool tourists, asked £4 for a shared ride back into the city. Although this does not in retrospect seem exorbitant, and I had made a small profit on the races, my native meanness drove me to refuse, so we trudged with the other racegoers to the bus stop.

The chief virtue of Mexican buses is that they are cheap—four pence to go virtually anywhere. But they are always crowded, they stop at unpredictable places and get caught in the persistent traffic jams in which all ten million citizens seem to be trying to travel at once. Still, I regard mastering other people's public transport systems as a challenge, and we had already made some successful bus trips, as well as a few where we had become hopelessly lost.

After the races, however, we not only managed to push our way on to the right bus but also found seats. I awarded us all the title of Mexican bus traveller, first class, and had plenty of time during the traffic jam to decide how to spend the money I had saved by spurning the taxi.

The underground railway, although clean and modern, is more crowded than the buses, and even cheaper — just two pence to go anywhere.

I noticed something in a subway station which seemed a nice metaphor to define the difference between Mexico City and New York. In New York, if you keep your eyes open and peer down the tunnels, you will from time to time spot a ferocious-looking rat. The Mexico City system is infested only with cosy mice.

In the main square, next to the ornate cathedral, I spotted another phenomenon pointing to a softer quality of life in Mexico, at least for the property-owning class. Tradesmen were lined alongside the cathedral rail, the tools of their trade placed on a box in front of them and with painted signs announcing their speciality: plumber, electrician, painter.

In New York, even more than in London, you have to beg such specialists even to come and quote for a job. Here in Mexico they wait for the work; though I can see that it is probably not so much fun for the workers.

As for night life, we do not as a family care too much for folkloric dancing, with swirling skirts and bits of wood making mysterious clicking noises. Our most interesting evening was at the Jai-Alai arena, or Frontón.

Jai-Alai, or pelota, is one of the most bizarre games I have encountered. Men wielding scoop-like rackets, something like lacrosse sticks, hurl a ball against a wall some 30 yards away and their opponents try to catch it and hurl it back. There is a wall along one of the long sides of the court: spectators, shielded by wire mesh, watch from the other side.

Although it is exciting to watch, the spectators go for the most part simply to bet, and the game is organized so that they may do so in a variety of ways. In some matches eight players take part and you have to select the first two or three in the correct order, making for long odds on the tote.

In the straightforward games between two players the betting is more intricate and bookmakers, wearing a uniform of white coats and red berets, stand in front of the spectators, changing their odds fractionally in accordance with the state of play. If people in high seats want to bet they throw their money down to the bookmakers, wrapping it in a tennis ball out of their pocket, for the betting slip (or it with an elastic band and throw it back up to the punter, who is honour bound to throw it back.

The game progresses against a background of tennis balls floating up and down the seats, which cannot make it easy for the players to concentrate.

People kept warning us about the danger from pickpockets both at the Jai-Alai game and on public transport, but nothing untoward happened. The closest we came to being mugged was by a pair of nuns.

As we were walking near our hotel they blocked our path and began to inquire in apparent agitation, whether we were tourists. When we confessed as much, they insisted that we should buy from them some "Roar pop". I naturally thought this had something to do with Rome and the Pope. But I was later told it was a local alcoholic concoction.

When I declined the offer they went on their way peacefully enough. In a sense that was disappointing: had we really been mugged by nuns it would have been the ultimate surprise in a surprising and appealing city.

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RESPITE, NOT A SOLUTION

threat of a national dock e has been averted but the lems of the ports remain. rday's decision by delegates senting dock workers from ver the country to call off threatened national dock must be welcomed by one. The economy is in no to withstand the damage exports which a complete age in the ports would re. The employers were to withdraw their threat to er workers to the unattached register, in effect would have put on a much lower level of This proposal was clearly ach of the Jones-Aldington ment, which states that the er is only to be used for linary purposes.

the problems which led employers to consider this step are real enough. Of ,000 workers employed in ool, which is where the e started, about 800 have rk to do on an average day. combination of economic tion and technical change that there is just not h work to go round.

s problem will get worse. continued switch to new ds of handling cargo, imes involving a transfer of tions inland away from the themselves, is likely to up. A particular question hangs over the future of g ports, such as Liverpool ondon, which have found d to adjust to the new world in which lorries increasingly drive straight on board ships, cutting out the traditional port operations altogether.

London received generous financial assistance from the previous government to assist it to restructure its operations. Liverpool and other ports, particularly those badly placed to take a part in the growing trade with Europe, are bound to press for similar help.

There may be a case for government help in easing the transitional problems which the industry faces. The employers hope that the workforce can be run down by voluntary means. They hope that improved redundancy payments will persuade workers to leave the industry voluntarily. But there can be no certainty that this will resolve the problem. With unemployment at its present level, workers taking redundancy do not have good prospects of finding new employment on Merseyside. There is thus a possibility that voluntary severance schemes alone will not produce a sufficient reduction in the workforce.

If voluntary redundancy does not persuade enough people to leave the industry, the problem could become very severe. Under the national dock labour scheme, workers in a part laid off by one employer are allocated to other firms in the same port. It was an attempt by employers at Liverpool to refuse to accept workers allocated to them which provoked the threat of a strike. At a time of severe crisis, such a scheme could lead to the progressive collapse of a whole port. Each time an employer was forced to dismiss workers, he would be adding to the costs of other employers in the port, who in turn might be driven to try to lay off workers.

The problem is that the Jones-Aldington scheme draws up rules which are a sensible way of ensuring continuity of employment in an ordinary environment but which are now being applied in an *extraordinary* crisis. In the six years since they were introduced they have helped ease the pain of a rapid run down in the labour force. But now a more comprehensive approach to the problem of the docks may be required.

No one could suggest that the dock labour scheme has protected workers in the industry from the forces of change. Over the past decade, the number of workers in the ports has virtually halved and a further reduction seems inevitable.

What the events of the past week should do is to remind both sides of the need to ensure that change comes about as efficiently and with as little needless suffering as possible. The agreement between employers and unions has averted the immediate crisis. But there is a case for a longer and deeper look by the Government at the industry's problems in the years ahead.

E RIGHT TO GO TO STRASBOURG?

few years since 1966 the government has gone h the ritual of deciding *r or not to renew the right* aggrieved individual to n directly to the European ission of Human Rights in ourg. The decision has been affirmative up to now, but xt date for renewal comes January 1981, and the ighing has already begun h sides. If a country which s to the European Convan Human Rights does not ly indicate, under Article at it is willing to give ourg jurisdiction over dual complaints, only would be entitled to bring aged breaches of the Con- F before the Commission. countries, France ost important, do not accept nt of individual petition at Most members of the l of Europe have accepted r an indefinite period. s adopted the compro- solution of periodic al.

re are three options open e Government: it can to renew altogether, it new for a limited period or it can accept ept of individual peti- ndefinitely. The first of should be rejected at the The argument in favour wing individuals to bring nts before the Commi- overwhelming. Britain is among the European racies in having no con n, no Bill of Rights, and em of administrative law allows an individual to ge official decisions. In a range of circumstances affecting a citizen's rights, no legal remedy is available at all. In many other cases the English courts system has failed to provide an adequate or appropriate remedy. In fact, for many people who believe they have been wronged, Strasbourg is not the last of many avenues of appeal, but the first and only.

Moreover, Britain has undertaken a solemn international obligation to adhere to the Convention which, after all, does little more than lay down, in general terms, the list of freedoms to which individuals ought to be entitled in a civilized society. It is the absence of such basic rights that distinguishes a totalitarian state from a democratic one. But allegiance to the values of the Convention cannot be given in a vacuum. There is not much point in the Government accepting the standards set by the Convention, but then refusing to allow a citizen who disagrees with that assertion to have it tested.

It is not so much the content of the Convention that has come under criticism, but the occasionally strained interpretation of some of its provisions by the Court or the Commission. There is also some fear, mostly unfounded, that decisions of the human rights court would have a directly binding effect on English law and that they could even, in effect, impose public policy changes on a reluctant Westminster. In practice that is not likely to happen. The court in Strasbourg is not a supranational body in the same sense as the EEC court in Luxembourg. The consequences of not adhering to its judgment would be political, and would be decided by the Committee of ministers of the Council of Europe. Up to now, the United Kingdom government has had little difficulty in conforming to decisions from Strasbourg. It is possible, however, that the Court might, in some future case, render a decision which, if followed, would require the alteration of an important principle or policy enunciated by Parliament. If that were to happen, consideration would obviously have to be given to disregarding the Court. But that is no reason for withdrawing the right of individual petition now. Should the Government renew for a fixed period, or indefinitely? It has been argued that periodic renewal allows periodic review so that if it is found that individuals are abusing their rights to go before the Commission, or if decisions from the Commission or Court are thought to be too outrageous, the right would be allowed to lapse next time around. It is true that the road to Strasbourg is becoming increasingly popular, but that does not mean that anyone with a grievance can go there. There is a rule that all domestic remedies must have been exhausted before the Commission will even entertain an application, and there are safeguards to prevent frivolous inmeritorious or wrongly-founded complaints getting very far. No sufficient case has been made out to justify another short-term renewal. The Government should renew the right of individual petition in January, and it should do so without a time limit.

vid Wood

heroics the EEC's 1 budget

s only the other day that ty groups in the European nt were wrestling with their ices, and some would say n self-interest, to pass the n Community's 1980 budget onths behind the set date. the 1980 money begins to ely, it is budget time for the nt once again.

week's sitting in Strasbourg d no evidence behind the that this December, at the ending of the budget, we shall nin see the mighty mustering s in a mood of historic demo- defiance to reject the 1981 ls of the Council of Minis- d damn the consequences. dual MEPs and the party *continue to stand* on the th ground as in the bruising warfare of last November ember. They want more con- er the budget, which is by the commission and then dried by the finance min- f national government meet- council. They want to curb icious appetite of the far- hich leaves other Community underfed and stunted in

They want early progress he entry of Greece, Portugal in makes the CAP even more ankenstein monster.

dy believes, though, that the tances now exist to recreate d cross-party front that made the parliamentary uprising the Council of Ministers last front that held firm until hen the Christian Democrats to break the ranks of righteousness. Not need the British remembering Westminster's historic struggle to control the purse strings, put on sackcloth and ashes, the 1981 budget draft contains Mrs Thatcher's hard-won and neatly sliced two thirds of a loaf. This means 60 British Conservatives as well as 17 British Labour MEPs have a vested interest in seeing the budget passes on schedule. The loaf, or baguette, is being treated as compulsory spending, and therefore Parliament will have no right to amend.

There are other factors. During the calendar year 1981, all aspects of the Community budget will come up for review, and the political cause of change may be expected to prosper without premature parliamentary heroics. Greece joins in January and, at the same time a new commission, under Gaston Thorn, will take office. At least eight and probably nine of the 13 commissioners hanker to stay in post. In June, 1981, the Commission must obey an instruction from on high to report on future Community financing, the balance of budget spending on this policy and that, and propose how to avoid another "unacceptable situation" of the kind that aroused the latent Gaullist spirit in Mrs Thatcher.

That paragraph, by the way, paraphrases a cautionary internal group document circulated to Socialists. The European Democratic Group, advised by Mr John Mark Taylor on the budget, has also been given a strong hint that anybody who wants another fight with Goliath about budgetary spending must recognise that in 1981 there will be *precious* little room for manoeuvre.

The 1981 preliminary draft budget, as submitted by Christopher Tugendhat, is already being "slashed" by the finance ministers. That unsurprising news reaches me from the top. Many of the cuts will make MEPs very angry *indeed*, but it will be a few more days before the preliminary draft reappears in Parliament as a council draft. To be fair, the Council of Ministers have their own worries, not least that in a troubled time the Community in 1981 will run headlong into the buffers of its "own resources" limitations.

Before I go into a few preliminary Tugendhat figures, let me remind you that the budgetary unit of account is based on the rate of exchange on February 1 of the previous year. That makes the 1981 units of account equal to nearly 63 pence. The preliminary 1981 budget draft proposes commitments amounting to 21,732 million units of account and payments amounting to 20,053 million as compared with 17,419 million and 15,083 million in 1980. The 1981 total represents 0.88 per cent of Community gross domestic product, a flea bite in the grand European design, you might think. Of the entire 1981 budget, farm guarantees, including food aid and sugar, stand at 64.5 per cent, compared with 73 per cent in 1980.

The crucial figures have to do with the 1981 demands on VAT. The Community has a right to one per cent of the Nine's VAT collection, and the Tugendhat preliminary draft lifts the budgetary demand to 0.96 per cent. It looks as though the Commission, for tactical reasons, are forcing the Council of Finance Ministers to face the facts of life by expanding the social and regional funds, which the European Parliament unfortunately demands, and thereby trapping farm expenditure, including supplementary budget payments, against the VAT ceiling. (That is a European Democratic Group paraphrase).

It scarcely needs saying that the Government, with the eve of four national governments smiles on any proposal for an increased VAT contribution to Community revenues in a day of recession and high inflation. So the choice is clear. CAP must be brought under control, new revenues must be agreed, or initiation of new Community policies and expansion of existing policies must be brought to a squeaking halt.

The European Democratic Group and the Socialist Group have already been given their private warnings. Parliament wants more Community activity to meet the energy crisis looming in the western European horizon in 1981. Tugendhat budgets actually cuts energy policy spending by 37 per cent. And the warning goes out that aggrieved MEPs who want to develop energy policies or anything else "may find themselves called upon to say what corresponding economy they would justify elsewhere".

As at Westminster, so in Strasbourg.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting back on course

From Lord Roberthall

Sir, Although I agree with a good deal of your leading article yesterday ("Miles off course", September 17) I think you go too far in what I take to be your strictures on government monetary policy.

I am not a monetarist in the sense currently used—I think it is not as simple as all that—but since the trade unions are unable to deliver *any promises they make on incomes* policy, it seems to me that Mrs Thatcher had no alternative.

Monetary policy, however, is not a wonder drug where you give the dose and wait for the cure. It involves human behaviour, and the intention is to modify this behaviour by squeezing employers and reducing employment, thus inducing a more restrained attitude towards demands for higher wages and prices.

As far as the private sector is concerned, surely the policy is now brilliantly successful. To complain about the reading of one of the gauges (M3), when the pressure is clearly severe and increasing, smacks of magical or incantational fringe of monetarists. The article by Mr Paul Routledge in the same issue of your paper makes it clear that the medicine is working, and indeed your own article *in its later sections* calls for some reduction in the squeeze on the private sector, where the cries of pain are very evident.

The difficulty now facing the Government is that monetary policy does not operate directly on the public sector except for those parts of the nationalized industries not in a monopoly position, and even these can and do dip into the public purse. The objective now should be to equalize the pressure on both sectors. The Government are trying hard, but it is much more difficult to convince their employees that there is not going to be any more money than for an employer with a profit and loss account.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERTHALL,
7a Carey Mansions,
Rutherford Street, SW1.
September 18.

From Mr Frederick Aicken

Sir, I find it puzzling that our Prime Minister should be so unaffected by her scientific training as to describe her Government's economic policy at the present stage, however successful it may eventually prove to be, as "absolutely right".

Sir Karl Popper has convinced us that a scientist knows when he is wrong (the results of his experiments do not match his theory), but he cannot ever be certain that he has reached the complete truth.

Yours faithfully,
FREDERICK AICKEN,
Head of Science,
Stamborough School,
Lemsford Lane,
Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.
September 15.

No room for the disabled

From Dr D. L. Nokes

Sir, I should like to draw attention to a recent change of policy at the British Museum, which has resulted in their refusal to allow disabled academics to park in the museum forecourt, while using the library or museum for research. In two recent decisions, in January, 1978, and November, 1979, the trustees of the museum drastically curtailed the amount of parking they are prepared to permit. Letters to them on the subject have still not elicited an explanation of the necessity for these restrictions.

For a small number of disabled academics, access to the British Library, Department of Manuscripts, etc, is vital to their research. At present, such people are told they *can be accommodated* in the car park on Saturdays, as if research were a peripheral activity, or hobby to be pursued at weekends. On the contrary, a university teacher's contract requires him to engage in research, and any serious academic will spend a considerable amount of his time in such work. The present BM policy makes this extremely difficult, if not impossible, for this small minority of readers.

The museum has a very large forecourt—far larger than many other public and university institutions in London which do not impose such harsh restrictions. The present policy seems to be unnecessary and indefensible. I should like to take this further opportunity to urge the trustees to change it.

Yours faithfully,
D. L. NOKES,
King's College Hall,
Champion Hill, SE5.
September 15.

The shrinking shirt

From Mr Cecil Gee

Sir, Mr J. Gillard-Watson's letter (September 12) causes me to reflect on the change of sizing and styling of men's shirts over the last fifty years. Time was that the overall measurement was more in the region of 48 inches and pulled over the head like a night shirt. Some forty years ago I designed the button-through coat shirt. Many were returned with the idea that the shirt had not been stitched on the front and finished.

Men's trousers, their shape and design, now must be thought of as a cultured fashion, and too much bulk with excessive shirt fabric could not and would not be worn with today's tailored elegance.

Yours faithfully,
CECIL GEE, Chairman,
Cecil Gee Group of Companies,
39/45 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1.
September 15.

Of trivial import

From the Reverend E. A. P. Penny

Sir, I fear that unnecessary imports to this Principality are on the increase. I was recently presented with a small jug inscribed "Cymru am byth, Wales" and decorated with the Welsh dragon. Underneath, the label stated, "Made in Taiwan".

Yours faithfully,
PETER PENNY,
Glyn Teg,
Broad Street,
New Radnor,
Presteigne,
Powys.
September 18.

Caring for patients who are dying

From Dr R. G. Twycross

Sir, I read the report about Lord Soper's views on voluntary euthanasia (September 3) with interest. In fact, I read it several times and still was *not absolutely sure* what his views are. This may of course be the fault of the reporter, but my overall impression is that Lord Soper is confusing a number of issues, some of which have nothing to do with voluntary euthanasia (homicide by consent). I am sorry, therefore, that *I was unable to hear* his address and, vice versa, that he was unable to hear mine at the same conference later in the day.

I spoke as an opponent of both assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia about some of the traditional principles underlying medical practice. I also referred to the experience of the hospices and concluded with an 18-point "manifesto" the implementation of which would significantly improve the lot of those with recurrent and terminal cancer. In relation to the latter, no change in the law is necessary, *merely change in emphasis in medical* education, a greater realisation by doctors of what can be done, and a parallel determination to do it.

Several conference members indicated to me afterwards that "if all doctors did what you preach, I would not need to remain a member of Exit". *Perhaps therefore I could* be allowed to summarise some of the principles I referred to:

1. A doctor practices medicine in the knowledge that eventually all his patients will die. This implies that he recognises that one day Nature must be allowed to take her course. *If you like, there comes* a time when, because of the natural order, a patient ought to be allowed to die, and not subjected to futile, inappropriate life-sustaining measures. This is traditional medical practice and should not be referred to by the increasingly popular phrase passive euthanasia. The word "euthanasia" is best reserved for the deliberate killing of patients: and the care of the dying should not be thought of as a passive pursuit, ie simply a matter of omissions.
2. A doctor does not have a duty to preserve life at all costs. This follows from point 1 but needs to be emphasized. A doctor has no legal, moral or ethical obligation to use drugs or apply treatments if their *use can best be described as prolonging* the process and/or distress of dying.
3. A person is not obliged to accept medical treatment even if refusal may result in his earlier death. This carries an obligation for the doctor to discuss options with his patient, *particularly when the patient is frail* and elderly, or terminally ill.
4. All treatment has an inherent risk. My comments under this heading included a clarification of the risks associated with the use of morphine and related drugs (narcotic analgesics) when administered *to relieve pain. Contrary to popular* belief, the use of morphine in this situation carries no greater risk than the use of aspirin.

It is my experience, and that of other hospice doctors, that morphine (given regularly every four hours by mouth) is a very safe drug provided the patient is not dying from exhaustion as a result of weeks or months of intolerable pain associated with insomnia and poor nutrition. In fact the correct use of morphine probably prolongs a patient's life rather than shortens it because he is more rested and pain free.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT G. TWYCROSS,
Sir Michael Sobell House,
The Churchill Hospital,
Headington,
Oxford.
September 15.

High interest rates

From Mr J. R. Bath

Sir, One cannot help but sympathise with Mr Frewin's cri de coeur (Commercial effect of high interest rates, September 16) concerning the plight of small businesses in the current climate of economic austerity. Few would disagree that this Government has so far done little to help that very sector of our industrial society which it was pledged to revitalize.

To extend the argument by saying that, by contrast, larger, more established companies will be able to weather the storm without attending to areas of inefficiency is not, in my experience, generally justified.

Our manufacturing company employs around 1,000 people, is part of a reasonably large, multinational group, and has for some time been pursuing a programme designed to improve efficiency in its marketing, production and administration sectors. Between us, we hold many views on the wisdom or otherwise of the Government's chosen path, but it must be admitted, albeit somewhat grudgingly, that the current climate has forced us to accelerate our progress towards greater efficiency. Indeed, and it is an extraordinary paradox, our relatively low level of activity has actually made it easier for us to implement some of the changes that were necessary, and there is now no doubt at all that as we climb out of this current recession, we as a company will be far better equipped to obtain maximum benefit from the market place.

Talking to colleagues in other businesses of a similar size, it would seem that our experience is fairly typical. Doubtless there will be some established companies whose enjoyment of privileged cost advantages in whatever form will enable them to remain complacent. Whilst I cannot be more optimistic *than* Mr Frewin about the undeserved fate of many small businesses, my guess is that they may well be joined by larger companies who failed to see the writing on the wall.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN R. BATH,
1 Rurley Court,
Widmore Road,
Bromley,
Kent.
September 17.

Thoughts for your penny

From Mr J. J. Cherns

Sir, My former colleagues (Mr Thimont, September 13, and Mr Glover, September 17) protest too much. The former knows that cross-subsidization is no novelty to HM Stationery Office; the question is of degree. The latter *must surely* be aware that an average per page has long been systematically used to avoid bizarre discrepancies in pricing widely varying editions of parliamentary and similar papers.

Arguable conventions underlie Mr Thimont's "costs of production and distribution". *Official publications* like the Serpell report need to be produced for official purposes. What is the justification for basing prices on full rather than marginal production cost per copy? Many governments use the latter; it was used for our own parliamentary *publications until 1921. Reversion* to it, as suggested a couple of years ago by a parliamentary committee, would go some way to meet Mr Glover's main point (and Mr Thimont would no doubt welcome the golden formula for a cover price "no higher than is necessary to prevent waste").

Price levels for much of HMSO's output which is "compulsory reading" could thus be reduced significantly without outraging any principle. When HMSO's own current annual report costs £3.50 for 66 pages is Mr Thimont's "tight rein" on the right horse? HMSO's pricing and issue policies are otherwise more coherent than those I have examined in some 20 other countries.

The proper objective of official publishing is dissemination, and *some ventilation in a wider context* of public information might be timely. Official publishing now issues from a variety of departmental sources, besides HMSO, with a degree of bibliographic and distribution incoherence which causes concern to librarians in many fields *who play an essential part in the* transfer of official information to those who need it, and no doubt wider public inconvenience.

Yours faithfully,
J. J. CHERNS,
7 Godolphin House,
76-84 Fellows Road, NW3.
September 20.

From Mr F. J. Walesby

Sir, The Government well knows the danger of issuing its publications cheaply—it might encourage the public to read them!

Yours faithfully,
F. J. WALESBY,
Yew Tree Cottages,
Steep,
Petersfield.
September 17.

Nuclear arms race

From Dr Nora Wooster

Sir, One of the factors which led to the growth of the Communist Party in Cambridge in the thirties was the philosophical basis of Marxism. Dialectical materialism provided a stimulating soil for one's ideas.

One of the important propositions of dialectics is the change of quantity into quality. Another is that everything changes into its opposite. These fundamental tenets tend to be ignored but events *suggest they are true* and it is important to understand—and remember them.

For a long time an increase in the destructiveness of weaponry gave the possessor an advantage over an adversary equipped with old-fashioned arms. Agincourt and the *Armada are classic examples of* this. But nuclear arms could have reached the critical point engendering a change in quality, and as a result become unusable by either side unless the destruction of our civilization is to be accepted. Neither side can hope to escape appalling and long-lasting devastation.

As a result, for the first time, the arms race previously leading to war may have turned into its opposite and be leading to peace. A clear and widespread understanding of these principles may help to *provide a rational basis for disarmament.*

Yours, etc,
NORA WOOSTER,
339 Cherry Hinton Road,
Cambridge.
September 11.

The Leonardo codex

From Mr A. R. Morriss

Sir, Amidst the furore caused by the proposed auction of the Codex Leicester of Leonardo da Vinci, and the likelihood of its going abroad, one thing is forgotten.

The reason for the sale is the crippling tax levied on the death of the fifth Earl of Leicester in 1976.

This was done by the Inland Revenue department in its capacity as a servant of the nation. There is no reason therefore for Lord Coke to feel obliged to offer it to the nation which is responsible for his having to part with it in the first place.

Yours,
ALAN MORRISS,
Pippingford Park,
Nutley,
Sussex.
September 18.

Out in the big world

From Mr Kevin Thompson and Mr Michael Davidson

Sir, Oxford and Cambridge may be "top in "grade" requirements" (*The Times*, page 4, September 9), but Oxbridge graduates do not necessarily walk into top jobs. A survey of our contemporaries, all of whom graduated from Cambridge this year, reveals that two are now working in a nut and bolt warehouse, one is an office cleaner and another a hospital porter; the remainder are unemployed.

Tragic? Yes, we even hear that some have been forced into accountancy.

Yours faithfully,
KEVIN THOMPSON,
MICHAEL E. DAVIDSON,
15 Fitzwilliam Road,
Cambridge.
September 9.

Deterrence as defence

From Mrs Elizabeth Young

Sir, Our defence policy has depended on "deterrence" for so long that the meaning of the word and the reason for the strategy seem to have been forgotten. The purpose of "deterrence" is simply to *dissuade* the other side from attacking for fear of retaliation; nuclear weapons are essentially *offensive* and only in the framework of "deterrence" can they be harnessed to the prevention of war and to a defensive posture.

But the effectiveness of the dissuasion depends on the credibility of the retaliation. Again and again since 1945 the West's possible retaliation to a Soviet armed offensive *has lost its credibility* and a new, less incredible, strategy has been declared. In the fifties, "massive retaliation" became incredible and "tactical" weapons were dreamed up; then came Mr McNamara's version of a Counter-force Doctrine and of Flexible Response, followed by Mr Schlesinger's in the seventies and now Mr Brown's. Each time, what is held against the new strategy is precisely that it is more credible than the doctrine it replaces.

Soviet leaders use slightly different language to make the same point. *In his speech at Alma Ata* two weeks ago, Mr Brezhnev said (not for the first time!): "Our valiant armed forces have everything necessary to rebuff any aggressor". "Everything" is well understood in the West to include nuclear and chemical weapons of all kinds, and no holds barred in their use.

The Soviet Union possibly did need reminding of *American determination* to retaliate in the event of attack: in the same speech, Mr Brezhnev was complaining that the Brown doctrine showed that the Americans were still *refusing* to accept what he calls "the new correlation of forces in the world". This is a Leninist phrase meaning "effective Soviet preponderance world wide". The Americans are of course by no means alone in refusing to accept this unrealistic, *but dangerously pretentious, claim.*

Until there is real disarmament—"deep cuts" of the kind Mr Carter proposed in 1977 and the Soviet Union rejected out of hand—the world will be living with the arms race, and mutual "deterrence" is the only curb on it we have. This is not a particularly restful state of affairs, and the failure of the Non-Proliferation Review Conference *may* prompt both super Powers, if they draw the right conclusions from it, to move into a real disarmament process sooner rather than later. Perhaps with Salt III?

Yours, etc,
ELIZABETH YOUNG,
100 Bayswater Road, W2.
September 16.

Hospital asbestos danger

From Mr N. Howe and Mr D. B. Johnson

Sir, Safety representatives and professional managers who compose the Safety Committee at the Middlesex Hospital were appalled to read your article of September 18, by Robin Young, *Consumer Affairs Correspondent*, reporting comments of Mr Alan Dalton concerning asbestos in the Middlesex Hospital. He was quoted as saying that the only way staff could make any effective protest about asbestos in the hospital was to bang on pipes with fixing *insulation.*

Apart from the illegality of suggesting that a member of staff who cares about this problem should endanger himself and others to a hazard of this nature, this statement suggests that there is no effective machinery for dealing with such problems at the Middlesex Hospital.

We are very concerned at this allegation and strongly refute it. The Middlesex Hospital established a health and safety committee over a year ago at the request of safety representatives, and the district management team responsible for the Middlesex Hospital has been one of the few management teams to make a specific financial allocation for health and safety. Both trade unions and management have a very positive attitude to the health and safety of everybody who enters the Middlesex Hospital.

Asbestos has been used for insulation in the past at the Middlesex Hospital as in many other hospitals. However there has been an active programme of removal of this material within the funds available. The Health and Safety Executive have been aware of the work which has taken place, visited the hospital at the request of both management and unions and have never criticized either the programme or the contractors whom they have seen working on site. We would trust therefore that this information will reassure your readers, many of whom may have had occasion to visit the Middlesex Hospital.

Yours faithfully,
N. HOWE (Chairman of Safety Representatives),
D. B. JOHNSON (Chairman of Management Representatives)
Health and Safety Committee,
The Middlesex Hospital,
Mortimer Street, W1.
September 19.

Old hat

From Mr Frank Muir

Sir, To those of our Common Market negotiators and their French equivalents who are locked in combat over matters like fishing rights and farm prices but are a little wobbly in the nuances of each other's language, may I recommend the following useful exchange (which was actually in a section on buying a hat) from *The Elements of French Conversation*, John Perrin, 21st edition, 1820:

Ayez soin de le retaper proprement—Take care to cock it up neatly.
Vous pouvez compter qu'il sera retapé dans le dernier goût—You may depend that it will be cocked up in the neatest taste.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK MUIR,
Anners,
Thorpe,
Egham,
Surrey.
September 19.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 21: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The sermon was preached by the Reverend Johnston McKay.

The Queen was represented by Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe (Air Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty) at the Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service which was held in Westminster Abbey this morning.

CLARENCE HOUSE
September 20: The Hon Mrs John Mulholland has succeeded the Lady Elizabeth Basser as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Birthdays today

Sir Joseph Balmer, 81; Sir George Cartland, 68; Professor S. E. Finer, 65; Sir James Henry, 69; Mr Arthur Lowe, 65; Sir Charles Mander, 59; Lord Moran, 56; Dr Dorothy Needham, 84; Captain Mark Phillips, 32; Sir Edward Pochin, 71; the Hon George Younger, MP, 49.

The spirit of unity needed for tolerance to flourish

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Every culture has its favourite virtue, and for the British its name would be tolerance. It appears to be the quality most sought after in a prospective spouse or friend, most admired in a national leader and most proudly claimed as the characteristic feature of British society.

Distaste for intolerance is the most obvious reason why political extremism has never yet gained more than a foothold, and why intolerant ideologies or religions hardly survive transplantation to a British climate.

As a positive quality, and not mere indifference, it is so highly valued that it has to be nurtured and protected, its state of health and general condition looked after with care. Historically, tolerance is an unusual quality in a nation, easily lost, and as hard to regain as innocence.

If it is relatively secure for the time being in Britain, that is because it has been invested with a quasi-religious meaning; Christianity in Britain is assumed to be almost synonymous with tolerance and Christians are judged to be falling short if they display a lack of it, as they often do.

The greatest danger to tolerance would follow from the assumption that it stands in isolation from all other moral qualities and has the property of existing in a vacuum. The corruption of tolerance would come from the direction of apathy and indifference and a drift towards extreme individualism and pathological selfishness.

There is an invisible bond between those who respect each other's right to be different, which is lacking by those who are untroubled by, and hence indifferent to, human variety because they are interested only in themselves.

Racial and cultural pluralisms have had an uneasy, although so far fairly successful, history in Britain, but with many tribulations still to endure. A severe economic recession and the incomplete absorption of immigrant communities into the national bloodstream could combine to present that national spirit of tolerance with a severe challenge.

That is the thesis of the Bishop of Durham, Dr John Habgood. That tolerance cannot survive by itself, and thrives only in a nation that is united by some far more fundamental common bond. In a long and thoughtful appeal to his diocese this month, he argues that there is not a single free nation in the world which has managed to hold a pluralist society together without "some very powerful unifying factor".

He suggests that too in particular have held together the nation in the past, the church and the Crown; and observes that the church has declined to the point where the Crown is now isolated "as almost the only effective symbol of national unity".

The unifying role of the church—and he says he would prefer to speak of all the churches acting together—should not yet be dismissed too lightly. Dr Habgood states. The emotional and cultural investment in the Christian values and customs is still enormous, and the unity of the nation still rests on it.

If pluralism is to work, there has to be at least a residual sense of things that hold the country together. The greater the diversity on the surface, the greater must be the underlying sense of unity.

His argument is, thus that Britain now needs tolerance to survive as a civilized society, and not merely to give it a distinctive agreeable character and that the foundation of tolerance is an agreed sense of moral identity and purpose, which in Britain's case could only be derived from a Christian spiritual inheritance.

Although he separates the church from the Crown, the Crown also stands for that inheritance. The bishop's argument therefore indirectly and subtly contradicts the claim that the British monarchy should have no relationship to morality or religion in a pluralistic society.

His argument also elevates the issue of disestablishment of the Church of England to the highest plane, for if there was no national church there would be no special place for Christianity, and no public constitutional symbol indicating that certain beliefs and values were particularly more British than any other.

It is not open to agnostic humanism or any other modern claimant to the national ethos to move in to fill the vacuum, however hard it might plead its case. The disappearance of a generalized Christianity, or what is perceived as Christianity (there is no other definition from that special place, would leave a hollow space.

The Bishop of Durham's meditation on national unity comes in the course of a modest appeal to each of his parishes to raise £10 for race relations projects, in support of the Projects Fund, which the Church of England is collecting as its symbolic tribute to racial pluralism.

The insight behind the fund is that a symbol needs to be serviced if it is to be kept in service, and the right gesture at the right time has far more value than as a mere sum of money. The money is to go as a gift to immigrant communities, to provide them with the means to assert their self-respect and dignity by specific community projects.

It is a specifically Christian insight, that the right to human dignity exists before it has been claimed and does not need to be earned, but that the acquisition of a sense of human dignity still demands an effort of self-liberation.

It is specifically Christian for a relatively prosperous and secure part of the community, which Dr Habgood's diocese can be presumed to be, to accept the duty to help to equip a less prosperous and secure part of the community with the means to assert its pride and gain its objectives.

Tolerance really exists only between equals, and the Bishop of Durham is asking in effect, how a society that measures persons only by appearance and achievement could hope to preserve an unconditional belief that all men and women are equally worthy of tolerance, equally endowed with basic dignity.

Without an anchor in fundamental national morality, universally consented to, tolerance is as fragile as fashion, mere vanity.

Christenings

The infant son of the Hon Alexander and Mrs Erskine was christened Alistair Capel Erskine at St Mungo's Church, Alloa, by the Very Rev Dr Peter Brodie on September 14, 1980. The godparents are Mr Donald Capel, Mr Tim Forbes and Lady Erskine.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Streeter was christened Tanie Sarah by the Rev David Streeter at All Saints, Highams Park, yesterday. The godparents are Mr Peter Mather, Mrs Ewen Gilmour and Mrs David Innes.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. J. Teale and Miss V. Kinloch
The engagement is announced between Martin Teale, only son of Mr Donald E. Teale, of Tudor Wood, Ampfield, Romsey, Hampshire, and Mrs Phyllis M. Teale, of 8 Sumner Place, London, SW7, and Victoria, daughter of Sir Alexander Kinloch, Bt, of Gilmerton House, North Berwick, East Lothian, and Hilda Lady Kinloch, of Dirleton, East Lothian.

Mr D. Edwards and Miss A. M. F. Shaw
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs S. Edwards, of Gateshead, and nephew of Mr E. J. Millward, of 8 Tancred Road, Hughenden Park, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and Amanda, daughter of the late Mr Michael Shaw and Mrs Oriana Shaw, of 10 Peter's Close, Prestwood, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N. A. Grover and Miss L. J. E. Hemery
The engagement is announced between Neil, third son of Mr and Mrs M. R. Grover, of Newick, Sussex, and Lesley, third daughter of Mr and Mrs M. C. E. Hemery, of Hemnead Hall, Cuckfield, Sussex.

Mr B. C. Cadogan and Miss S. J. E. Macdonell
The engagement is announced between Brian, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Cadogan, 15 Cherry Mount, Clonmel, co Tipperary, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. Macdonell, The Rectory, Eastling, Faversham, Kent.

Mr R. P. G. Maunder and Miss M. C. E. Hemery
The engagement is announced between Piers, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. G. Maunder, of Ferring, Sussex, and Catherine, second daughter of Mr and Mrs M. C. E. Hemery, of Hemnead Hall, Cuckfield, Sussex.

Marriages

Mr M. L. Wennink and Miss J. L. Campbell
The marriage took place on Saturday at Christ Church, Riverhead, Sevenoaks, between Mr Michael Wennink, younger son of Mr and Mrs Cornelius Wennink, of Whitecraft Way, Park Langley, Kent, and Miss Thema Campbell, daughter of the Hon Neil and Mrs Campbell, of Yorks Hill, Ide Hill, Kent. The Rev M. D. Whitehorn officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of deep cream parchment satin and Brussels lace with a long circular train and a veil of Brussels lace. She carried a bouquet of cream orchids. Alexandra Barton, Henrietta Sitwell and Miss Sarah Wennink attended her. Sir Robin Phillips was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Mr R. J. E. Searle and Miss M. Thirkell Price
The marriage took place on Saturday, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Henley-on-Thames, between Mr Robert Searle, elder son of Dr and Mrs John Barnes Searle, of Folkestone, Kent, and Miss Mary Thirkell Price, youngest daughter of Mr James Thirkell Price and of the late Hon Mrs Thirkell Price, of Port Lewaigue, Ramsey, Isle of Man. Canon D. Toplass and Father Jock Dalrymple officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of cream satin and lace in Edwardian style and a family lace veil held in place by a satin circlet. She was attended by Thomas Follows, Caroline and Sarah Gilbey and Philippa Price. Mr John Rubinstein was best man.

A reception was held in Henley-on-Thames.

Mr J. E. A. Briggs and Miss P. C. Barrington-Ward
The marriage took place on Saturday at Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, between Mr John Briggs, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Briggs, of Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, and Miss Patience Barrington-Ward, daughter of the late Sir Michael Barrington-Ward and of Lady Barrington-Ward, of Godalming, Surrey. The Rev D. J. M. Corbett officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Neil Staddon, was attended by Daisy McLean and Miss Delia Martin. Mr Jack Lane was best man.

A reception was held at the Inn on the Park, Toronto, and the honeymoon will be spent in England at Christmas.

Latest wills

The Hon Michael Langhorne Astor, of Briners, Oxfordshire, third son of the second Viscount Astor and Conservative MP for the Eastern Division of Surrey from 1945 to 1951, left estate valued at £1,350,462 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Bhatia, Mr Ganpat Rai, of Ilford, Essex .. £340,857
Francis, Mr Kenneth Edward, of Gwaelodygarth, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan .. £462,740
Jennings, Mr Arthur Edward, of Taunton, Somerset .. £190,516

Children visiting the Black Country Museum at Dudley, West Midlands, watching an unusual lifting bridge operating on the museum canal and an old narrowboat which is to be converted into a playboat.

25 years ago

From The Times of Thursday, Sept 22, 1955

From Our Own Correspondent
Buenos Aires, Sept 21.—After a night in which the inhabitants of central Buenos Aires were awakened by the sound of artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, Argentine State Radio announced today that General Eduardo Lonardi would arrive here tomorrow from Cordoba as the leader of the forces of liberation and take charge of Argentina's destinies. A provisional government of Argentina has already been formed in Cordoba.

Today's engagements

Exhibitions: Energy, Past, Present and Future, Livesey Museum, Old Kent Road, 10-5; Society of Women Artists, Mall Galleries, 10-5; Victor Passmore, Tate Gallery, 10-6; Stanley Spencer, RA, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, 10-6.
Memorial Service: Sir Henry Richardson, St Michael's, Cornhill, noon.

Battle of Britain thanksgiving service

The Queen was represented by Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe at the Battle of Britain thanksgiving service held in Westminster Abbey yesterday. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Minister of State for Defence, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (RAF), and Mr Barney Hayhoe, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Army), represented HM Government. Mr Michael Cocks, MP, represented HM Opposition and the leader of the Labour Party, and Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran represented the Leader of the Liberal Party. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended.

The Dean of Westminster officiated assisted by the Reverend Alan Luff. The Ven H. J. Stuart, Chaplain-in-Chief RAF, gave an address and lessons were read by Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham, Chief of the Air Staff, and Flight Lieutenant T. E. C. Pembrey, RAF College, Cranwell.

During the service the Battle of Britain Roll of Honour was borne in procession by Flight Lieutenant M. A. Paine, Strike Command, escorted by Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris (chairman, Battle of Britain Fighter Association); Air Vice-Marshal A. V. R. Johnstone, Air Commodore C. J. Mount, Wing Commander T. Vybiral and Squadron Leaders B. H. Drobinski and A. G. Page (Battle of Britain pilots). Among the large congregation were:

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin, Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral Sir Henry Leach, Chief of the Naval Staff, General Sir Robert Ford (representing Chief of the General Staff), Professor Sir Ronald Mason, Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Ness, Air Member for Personnel, Air Chief Marshal Sir Rex Roe, Air Member for Supply and Organization, Lord Mr B. C. Hindemarsh, members of the Defence Council with their ladies.

Viscount Dilhorne, KC, Viscount and Viscountess Trenchard, Lord and Lady Balfour of Inchrye, Muriel Lady Dowding, Wing Commander Lord and Lady Dowding, Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal, Lord and Lady Newall, Lord Cathcart (chairman, Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund) and Lady Cathcart, Lady Sconce, Marshals of the RAF Sir William Dickson, Sir Dermot Boyle, Sir Thomas Pike, Sir John Grandy, Sir Denis Spotswood and Sir Neil Cameron and their ladies.

Lady Beetham, Lady Lloyd, Lady Lloyd, Lady Foxley-Norris, Lady Humphrey, Air Chief Marshal Sir Augustus Walker, Sir Austin and Lady Pearce, Sir Frederick and Lady Page, Sir George Edwards, OM, and Lady Edwards, Sir Robert and Lady Talbott, Sir Roy and Lady Stanton, Sir Barrie and Lady Heath, the Chairman of the GLC and Mrs Bernard Brook-Partridge, Major-General and Mrs Robert W. Bentley, Mr Westbury (president, Lord Mayor's Association), Mrs G. Fuller, Mrs B. Hayhoe, Mrs M. Cocks, Mr Allen Greenwood, former Battle of Britain aircrew, relatives of those who lost their lives in the battle, contingents of the RAF and WRAC (representing former A-A. Command), the RAF, WRAF, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, Royal Observer Corps, Royal Air Forces Association and the Polish Air Force Association.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAINS: P. M. Hamilton-Sidney, the Queen's Flight, and Vice-President and 2 November, March 16, 1981; H. Hickey, with Fleet Admiral Rovuth as Chief Staff of Rovuth and Qld Dunwich and Cromarty, Sept 1, 1981; J. W. Walters, MOD, Jan 5, Nov 19; T. O. K. Spraggs, Rear Adm and to be Chief Naval Staff, Oct 30, 1981.
COMMANDERS: D. G. Clement, Amazon in Cmd, April 13, 1981; J. C. Mellow, Ocelot Forth as SO(Op), March 27, 1981; G. G. Wolstenholme, Deputy CSO to FO Portsmouth, March 23, 1981; P. J. Wyatt, MOD (PE) with DGW(N) DSWS Bath, Sept 23; R. J. Kling, for duty with FOAM as 5th Cdr, Sept 26; N. D. Pickup, Drake as FEO SHOPS, Nov 21; R. M. Lawson, MOD with DNOR as CNOCS, Jan 5, 1981; C. Bailey-Willing, Londonderry in Cmd, Jan 8, 1981; R. M. Parker, Argonaut as WEO and SWEO June 14, 1981; A. Rawlins, MOD(PE) with DGW(N) DSWS, Dec 16; P. J. Hill, for duties on DS of RNCS Shrivenham, July 7, 1981.
SURGEON COMMANDER: N. J. Bussell, SSN Gibraltar as SOR, March 31, 1981.
CHAPLAIN: Rev P. O. Price, MOD as PSCHN, Feb 2, 1981.

ROYAL MARINES
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: R. H. C. Le Mesurier, JSDC Royal Hollowhome as Commandant Security Ctrl, Mar 16, 1981; N. G. Thompson, CTCRM as Deputy Commandant, Dec 19.
MAJORS: M. Weldon, 854, Poole as 2IC, April 3, 1981; J. R. Attridge, Staff of CINCFLEET as FRMO, Jan 16, 1981; D. L. Drysdale, Hermes as AOO, April 27, 1981; P. B. Lamb, HQ Cdo Forces Bde as DAQM(Ops), April 10, 1981.

Retirement
PRINCIPAL CHAPLAIN: Rev J. C. Creber, April 2, 1981.
COMMANDER: C. Mc K. Marr, in rank of Capt (Non), Oct 3.
BRIGADIER: J. D. Operne, RCB, as Vice-President, Sept 29.
COLONELS: Lt-Col D. F. Smith, PARA (V), HQ Scotland as TA Col Highlands, Oct 1.
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: J. Hopkins, RAF MOD as OSO1, Sept 26.

Retirement
Brig D. H. Bash, Sept 21.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAINS: A. Neale, RAF Brampton as 5th Cdr, Sept 26; N. D. McEwan, HQ 11 Gp as Gp Capt, Ops, Sept 26.
WING COMMANDERS (with acting rank group captain): J. R. Turner, New Delhi as Air Adviser, Sept 21; E. J. Monkhouse, MOD, Sept 22.
WING COMMANDERS: G. Park, RAF Fylingdales as OC Ops, Sept 26; P. Podworny, Sultan as Air Cdr, Sept 26; A. J. Blackburn, OASC Biggin Hill for Air Board, Sept 28; B. Hughes, RAF Benson as OC, Sept 22; B. McLeod, Northwood as Head of CSPS, Sept 26.
SQUADRON LEADER: (with acting rank wing commander): N. G. Dixon, RAF Church Fenton as OC Eng Wg, Sept 22.
Medical
WING COMMANDERS: G. H. Grime, RAF Rheindahlen as Dent Off, Sept 1; D. H. Wright, RAF Henlow as SDO, Sept 14.

Dinner

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Mr Richard Wilkes, president, was host at the centenary dinner of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held in Guildhall on Friday, September 19. Among the guests were the Lord Mayor, Sir Peter Gadsden, Lord Westwood and Sir David Hunt.

St Andrew's Ball

The St Andrew's Ball will be held on Wednesday, November 12, at Grosvenor House. A baby creche will be available. A pre-ball reel session will be held at Wandsworth Town Hall on October 2. Early application for tickets (at £15) is advisable, obtainable from the Ball Secretary, The Garden House, Cheriton, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 0QH.

Celebrating: Victoria de los Angeles, the soprano, who is celebrating her thirtieth anniversary of concerts in Britain with a recital at Wigmore Hall tomorrow.

Good harvest yields please farmers

Agriculture
Hugh Clayton

Many farmers who contribute to the crop survey published by *The Times* have had a much more successful harvest than they thought possible early in the summer. They are pleased that good yields have been achieved in erratic and often adverse weather. But they remain apprehensive about the market prices with which their efforts will be rewarded.

As reported on Saturday the results of the survey compiled by *The Times* and the separate one conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food show that Britain will have a record cereal harvest this year. There will be a high yield of maincrop potatoes while growers of sugar-beet expect results to be far better than seemed likely a few months ago.

Farmers throughout almost the whole of Britain report heavy autumn grass crops, often with low nutritional quality. Those who grow oilseed rape have also done well while fodder maize continues to fade from fashion.

A Norfolk contributor writes that "a remarkable recovery of all crops after the drought of May/June followed by reasonably favourable weather for the harvest period, should add up to a satisfactory farming year". He adds: "Low grain prices and poor returns in the livestock sector, in the face of constantly escalating costs, do not give rise to jubilation".

A farmer in Cornwall reports "the worst summer from a sun point of view since I started farming in 1953, yet I have never had the corn yield so well or the grain silos so full. It has been a tough summer from a management point of view, but all's well that ends well".

A Suffolk contributor has enjoyed a satisfactory harvest, all things considered. "Had prices for our products kept pace with prices of our imports, we should be in a much happier frame of mind".

Near the Hampshire coast it was "not a good year with a disastrous haymaking followed by a 'dragged-out' harvest with spring-sown cereals disappointing". Farther inland in the same county the erratic weather ensured that "sprays were wasted and grain crops were full of late-germinated weeds and unripe ears of grain".

Winter barley has performed well on most farms in the survey, but many spring-sown crops have failed to recover from the dry spring. A Welsh correspondent writes that "winter barley was very heavy for Powys and some crops of over three tons an acre have been recorded while spring barley has been very late and some crops will be very disappointing".

A contributor in northern Scotland says that "yields are good but harvesting conditions are deplorable", while another Scottish contributor says that prices for barley are lower than last year. Results from the dwindling British crop of oats have varied markedly. On some farms in Scotland and northern England the crop has been laid flat by heavy rain and harsh winds while a contributor in Bedfordshire reports "perhaps the best yield ever on our farm; clean and free of disease".

The Northamptonshire farmer who says that 1980 must have been "one of the best harvests" is in a minority. Many more feel like the Bedfordshire contributor who reports "not too bad a year, despite very tricky weather conditions".

W is wheat, B barley, O oats, P potatoes and S sugarbeet. Figures for 1979 in the final table are from Government estimates in late August.

Division 1	W	B	O	P	S
Bedford	6.1	4.9	4.5	33.7	36.0
Cambridge	6.0	5.2	5.2	35.9	37.6
Essex	6.7	4.5	—	37.6	38.5
Hertford	5.8	5.1	4.8	37.7	—
Humberside	5.5	5.1	6.0	32.6	33.9
Lincolnshire	5.3	4.7	4.0	33.2	35.0
Norfolk	6.2	4.7	4.4	34.5	35.0
Suffolk	6.8	4.8	4.1	34.3	35.2
Averages	6.0	4.9	4.8	36.3	36.1

Division 2	W	B	O	P	S
Berkshire	6.0	5.4	3.0	43.2	—
Buckinghamshire	7.5	5.3	4.5	—	—
Hampshire	5.8	5.0	4.8	30.0	—
Kent	5.8	5.0	4.8	41.7	—
Leicester	5.4	4.8	4.5	36.1	34.1
Northamptonshire	5.6	4.3	4.1	30.1	36.3
Nottinghamshire	4.8	4.4	4.2	30.3	29.5
Oxford	5.8	4.9	4.8	40.0	—
Surrey	4.6	4.4	4.8	31.3	32.6
Sussex	6.4	4.8	5.7	30.0	—
Warwick	6.0	4.9	—	—	—
Averages	5.8	4.9	4.7	35.0	33.2

Division 3	W	B	O	P	S
Cornwall	5.5	4.7	4.3	33.4	—
Devon	5.7	4.5	5.0	40.0	—
Dorset	5.5	4.7	5.0	35.1	—
Gloucester	6.9	5.3	6.3	40.1	35.1
Hereford & Wrcs	6.0	4.6	4.8	36.8	31.3
Salop	5.7	4.8	4.3	35.2	33.2
Somerset	6.6	5.3	5.0	36.4	—
Wiltshire	5.9	5.0	6.0	—	—
Averages	6.0	5.0	5.2	38.7	33.9

Division 4	W	B	O	P	S
Cheshire	5.5	4.6	4.6	36.9	36.1
Cumbria	5.0	4.3	4.7	34.5	—
Derbyshire	5.0	4.3	4.0	—	—
Durham	4.9	4.7	4.2	28.0	—
Lancashire	5.4	4.9	4.4	38.8	35.1
Northumberland	5.5	5.2	4.7	27.6	—
Staffordshire	5.1	5.0	4.5	36.6	36.0
Yorkshire	5.9	4.9	5.2	36.2	37.5
Averages	5.3	4.7	4.6	34.5	33.4
England	5.8	4.9	4.8	35.6	34.2
Scotland	5.7	4.8	4.9	31.4	—
Wales	6.0	4.8	4.5	36.1	—
Gt Britain	5.8	4.9	4.7	35.7	34.2

The table below shows the expected yield in tonnes a hectare of the principal crops in Britain compared with the previous five years and the 10 years average (70-79) at the same date.

	W	B	O	P	S
1975	4.3	3.5	3.6	23.4	25.1
1976	3.9	3.6	3.5	19.1	24.1
1977	5.0	4.5	4.3	30.1	35.0
1978	4.4	3.9	4.0	26.8	32.3
1979	5.1	4.1	4.2	35.9	32.9
1980	5.8	4.9	4.7	35.7	34.2
10-yr average	4.5	3.9	4.0	26.0	31.7

Science report
Botany: Flies prefer spots

By the Staff of *Nature*

After years of disagreement, experiments reported from Tel Aviv University seem to have settled the question surrounding the function of the dark-coloured spots on the flowers of carrots and some related plants. Dr Dan Eisikowitch says that insect pollinators are attracted by the spots, which give the appearance that other insects have already landed on the flowers.

Many observers have puzzled over the significance of the dark spot on each cluster of flowers of certain plants in the family Umbelliferae. Although some have concluded that the spots attract insects, they have not all been able to agree.

Dr Eisikowitch kept houseflies in a large, glass-walled box and provided them with freshly cut clusters of flowers, some with a dark spot and others without. He found that more flies alighted on the former than on the latter, also doing so more quickly. When the coloured flower was removed from a cluster, flies alighted with no more alacrity and in no greater numbers than on an all-white cluster.

That suggested to Dr Eisikowitch that from the point of view of an approaching fly, the spots might give the appearance that other flies had already settled on the flowers. He therefore decided to see whether flies would be attracted by the presence of other flies.

When faced with the choice between a patch of honey and another patch with frozen flies attached to it, hungry flies chose the latter on most occasions. A drop of honey on a photograph of some flies or even a black dot on a white background also proved to be attractive.

Dr Eisikowitch interprets his results as showing that the dark spots on the flowers of certain of the Umbelliferae attract foraging insects. His demonstration of a positive role for the spots should settle a controversy, as well as adding to the list of flowers that attract pollinators by means of their special colouring.

Source: *Journal of Natural History*, September-October (volume 14, page 757) 1980.

OBITUARY

MISS JACKY GILLOTT
Journalist, broadcaster and novelist

Miss Jacky Gillott, who was found dead at her home in Somerset on September 19, at the age of 41, was well known as a broadcaster and novelist, as well as in newspaper journalism, where she had started her career.

She was born at Lytham St Anne's Lancashire, and educated at University College London, where she graduated in English. Like a number of the women journalists of her generation she started her journalistic career on the *Sheffield Telegraph* as a reporter. Subsequently she joined ITN where she was one of the first woman television reporters.

She eventually gave up television journalism to concentrate on writing novels having scored an early success with *Salpage* (1968), a novel about the plight of the intelligent married woman beset with domestic cares. This was followed by *War Baby* (1971); *A True Romance* (1975); *Crying Out Loud* (1976); *The Head Case* (1979); and *Intimate Relations* which was published earlier this year. She had also written *Providence Place*; *Animals in a Landscape*, an account of the Somerset smallholding which she worked with her husband.

Though successful as a novelist Miss Gillott did not abandon broadcasting and journalism. She was latterly known to a wide audience for her presentation of the BBC radio arts magazine *Kaleidoscope*, and had continued to contribute articles and book reviews to a number of newspapers including *The Times*.

She was married to the television producer John Percival and is survived by him and two sons.

GENERAL MARTIAL VALIN

General Martial Valin, who was the commander of the Free French Air Force during the secony world war, died in Paris on September 19 at the age of 82. His distinguished military career was recognized by the French government which made him a general for life, an honour which meant that he did not retire from the forces on reaching the age limit.

Martial Henry Valin was born at Limoges on May 14, 1898, and started his military career at the Saint Cyr academy, in 1917. He served in the infantry at the end of the First World War, winning the croix de guerre during the heavy fighting in champagne in the German offensive of 1918. In 1919 he transferred to the cavalry and served in Morocco with the 2nd Spahi regiment, taking part in the Rif campaign of 1925.

When he returned to France in 1927 he transferred to the French Air Force and trained as a pilot, specialising in night bombing techniques. Promoted to squadron leader in 1936 he carried out over 60 reconnaissance missions over enemy territory at the start of the Second World War. When France fell he was on a mission in Rio de Janeiro. On April 9, 1941, he reached England and was immediately appointed Chief of Staff of the Free French Air Force. He organized the independent Free French groups which saw action on all war fronts.

Although he was condemned to death by the Vichy government after his promotion to Brigadier General in August, 1941, he continued to fly missions over France and the rest of occupied Europe.

In August, 1943, he became Deputy Chief of the French Air Staff and a year later he entered Paris with the liberating army of General Leclerc and saw to it that one of the first tricolours flying in the city was at the Air Ministry. Promoted Chief of Air Staff in 1944 he became Inspector General of the French Air Force the following year and a permanent member of the Air Force Council. In 1950 he was promoted to general.

He had logged 3,000 flying hours during his career, won the Croix de Guerre in both world wars and the Resistance Medal in the second. A Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour he was also awarded many foreign decorations, among them an hon CBE. Two years ago the Supreme Soviet decorated him with the people's friendship order for his efforts in strengthening the bonds between the French and Russian people.

MR J. R. LINDSAY

Correspondent writes:

James Rene Lindsay, one of the most distinguished Northern Ireland lawyers of his generation, died on September 13, aged 78.

Born on August 2, 1902, he was the seventh son of a County Armagh schoolmaster. He was educated at Mountjoy and then articled to a firm of solicitors in Belfast. In 1939 he joined the staff of the Supreme Court, became Assistant Registrar and subsequently in 1944 Chief Registrar of the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland. Although not a graduate, during the Second World War he lectured in the Faculty of Law and was an examiner for Queen's University, Belfast. He was joint Editor and then Editor of the *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly* from 1936 to 1961, often contributing wisely and perceptively himself. Particularly noteworthy was a series of articles "Privileged Communications", concerning spiritual advisers, lawyers, doctors, and husbands and wives, which retain their relevance today.

For over a quarter of a century, until 1975, he was Chancellor of the Diocese of Armagh and Assessor to the Primate at the General and Diocesan Synods. His wise and sound advice on Church legal affairs helped the smooth running of the many meetings he attended. It is probable that no one has ever known so much about the Church of Ireland as he said. The friend and confidant of successive archbishops and Lord Chief Justices, he was greatly respected, indeed revered by those at all levels in the Church of Ireland and the legal profession of Northern Ireland.

He was deeply saddened but never embittered by the agony of Northern Ireland, a place he loved. The stress of life there helped to bring about his early retirement in 1974 and hastened his death.

He had a genius for friendship with young and old alike, irrespective of denomination. To be with him was a delight, to know him a privilege. He was an incomparable raconteur with a superb gift of mimicry and a delightful sense of humour, but never a trace of malice. Described in him the commonplace became memorable and the unusual expressions.

He was made an OBE in 1955, and the honorary degree of Master of Law was conferred on him by Queen's University, Belfast, in 1957.

MR E. V. C. PLUMPTRE

F.E.R.B. writes:

E. V. C. Plumptre, whose death was announced in your columns earlier this week, will be remembered with exceptional affection and gratitude at Harrow School. Known to generations of pupils and colleagues as Plum, he was one of those schoolmasters who had a lasting influence on all those around him through the quality of his scholarship, lightened with a rapid and kindly wit.

Born in 1902, he was educated at Christ's Hospital and Hertford College, Oxford, and joined Harrow School as an Assistant Master in 1925. In 1932 he became master in charge of classics, a post which he held for twenty-five years. During that period many who were to win academic distinction in the classics were shaped under his hand. He was an outstanding composer in Latin and Greek, who inspired sharper minds by the elegance and economy of his solutions to the knottiest problems of translation; and he shared with all his pupils his own intense enjoyment of the classical authors.

But he went out of his way to make himself available to those outside the intellectual elite of his Classical Sixth Form: his lessons in French for historians were fun for himself and for many whose place was well below the academic speaks, and the benches of the School's Vaughan Library were never empty when he was its custodian. There was no artistic activity in the School in which he was not interested: as cellist in the School Orchestra and, in evenings of chamber music which he encouraged and inspired, or as critic, caustic but kind. He was a schoolmaster who had his influence not by obtruding his personality on his pupils but by giving them an introduction to an intellectual and cultural world which inspired but did not daunt.

COL W. Q. ROBERTS

E.K.G.S. writes:

I should like to add a tribute to the work which Bill Roberts did in the reconstitution of the Territorial Army. As the first post-war commander of the 4th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry and then as Deputy Commander 130 Infantry Brigade he was successful in keeping alive the splendid spirit of 43rd (Wessex) Division, in which he had served with such distinction during the war. Above all he managed to blend the potentially opposite outlook of the old and new volunteers and the national service reservists.

MR GEORGE BIDDLES

George Biddles, who as a boxing manager was one of the best known personalities in the sport in this country, died on September 20. He was 76.

Biddles spent his entire life in the sport; as a young man he promoted tournaments in Leicester, at the city's Spinney Hill Working Men's Club. But his major successes came after the war, beginning with his managing the Nigerian boxer Hogan Bassey, who was world featherweight champion from 1957 to 1959. Biddles also managed the heavyweights Jack Bodell and Richard Dunn guiding them both to British and European heavyweight titles.

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Heavy production cuts planned as industry faces grim four months

By Patricia Tisdall
Management Correspondent

Manufacturing output, already at a record low level, is expected to fall even further in the next four months. The Confederation of British Industry's latest trends survey issued today shows that industrialists are preparing to cut production targets heavily between now and January in an attempt to counteract the financial pressures of empty order books and squeezed prices.

The survey, based on replies from more than 2,000 ton manufacturing executives, is usually a reliable barometer to industrial trends. It shows that despite the cuts in output since late spring that were reflected in the Central Statistical Office figures published last week, there is still more contraction on the way.

Excluding seasonal variations, 55 per cent of manufacturers expect the volume of their company's output to decline during the next four months and only 7 per cent expect an increase.

Even though more than three quarters of manufacturers are already operating at below capacity, the latest results imply that output will decline more rapidly over the next four months than earlier in the year.

CBI leaders have already spelled out the grim implications of manufacturing prospects on employment to the Prime Minister and other Cabinet ministers. These will be outlined in more detail in the quarterly CBI survey, due to be published on October 29. In July, more than 60 per cent of manufacturers said they expected to reduce the numbers they employed.

The growing number of factory closures and short-time working measures have shown no sign of abating and in many industries overtime and productivity payments have been eliminated.

Redundancy figures for August, due to be announced along with the overall unemployment total by the Department of Employment tomorrow, are expected to show another large increase.

During the first seven months of the year the 229,600 redundancies notified to the Government were the highest since records began in 1969. Although these figures are far from precise they are the best available.

Evidence of the financial strains which the recession is causing on manufacturing industry is starting to appear in individual company results, such as those released by GKN, the country's largest engineering group, last week.

These showed that the group made no profit in the United Kingdom in the first half of the year. Manufacturers' margins have been eroded by heavy price reductions, made to bring stock levels down, ever since the steel strike ended in April.

The CBI survey shows that the squeeze on manufacturers' prices will continue at least until after Christmas and possibly longer. More than 70 per cent of manufacturers expect to absorb cost increases and either hold their selling prices or reduce them for the next four months.

CBI staff economists say that the proportion expecting to raise prices is the lowest since the monthly trends inquiry was introduced in 1975.

There is some evidence that price-cutting tactics introduced as an emergency measure by British manufacturers in the last month have helped to outweigh sterling's strength to win them more export orders.

The CBI survey shows that the drop in export orders which accelerated sharply in July and again in August was halted in the last few weeks. Export order books, however, remain noticeably weaker than earlier in the year, with 59 per cent of manufacturers still reporting that they are below normal.

Demand generally remains very low, with 75 per cent of manufacturers reporting that total order books are below normal.

Delay sought for BSC survival plan

By Peter Hill
Industrial Editor

Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, is to ask the Government to allow a delay of three months before a comprehensive plan designed to restore the corporation's finances is submitted.

Mr MacGregor will meet Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry, tomorrow and will explain the serious cash flow problems at British Steel. These have accelerated against a background of falling orders, increased imports and heavy cost overheads.

The corporation, which lost £545m in its last financial year, looks as though it will be unable to contain losses below that figure in the present financial year. The Government is expected to make an early statement on the additional cash needed to keep BSC operating beyond the end of next month.

Mr MacGregor, who was appointed in July, to haul the BSC back to profitability by the end of his three year term, has already submitted a series of grim commercial scenarios to Sir Keith which range from virtual closure of the business to less drastic but politically and socially difficult and painful options.

Sir Keith, other ministers and Whitehall officials have been studying those options for some time. But Mr MacGregor wants more time to prepare his longer-term strategy which will concentrate on the size of potential markets, capacity and manpower.

Last week a fundamental reorganization was implemented involving decentralization of BSC's principal steel bulk steel business. Mr MacGregor wants time to allow the new product-oriented group to become established and to map out its own strategies, which will form a vital part of the overall plan for the corporation.

Mr MacGregor is also believed to be anxious that the Government tells him its views on the development of the United Kingdom economy and its expectations for a whole range of steel-using industries.

More than 50,000 British Steel employees are now on short-time working and further cuts appear inevitable. The amount of new orders has fallen to around 150,000 tonnes of liquid steel a week. In the first three months of its present financial year, BSC's losses were running at between £10m and £15m a week and have since fallen even further.

Steel production has dropped sharply and BSC is unlikely to produce more than 10 million tonnes this year, against its retrenchment target of 15 million tonnes.

The corporation's costs also remain uncomfortably high. Mr MacGregor wants to cut production costs by more than £50 a tonne but that will require further investment in equipment.

Sir Keith was told four months ago by Sir Charles Villiers, the former chairman of BSC, that the corporation would overspend its £450m cash limit this year by £400m. That estimate now appears to be conservative.

Mr MacGregor and Sir Keith are also expected to discuss the latest developments in Europe. Eurofer, the European steelmakers' cartel, is split by bitter disagreement over production cuts proposed for the final quarter of the year by the EEC. This threatens to undermine the fragile fabric of the steel industry survival package launched four years ago by Viscount Etienne Davignon, the EEC's Commissioner for Industrial Affairs.

At an urgent meeting of Eurofer in Luxembourg tomorrow, Mr Robert Scholey, BSC's deputy chairman, will take part in discussions aimed at ending what Viscount Davignon has described as "a senseless, self-destroying battle". However it is believed Viscount Davignon is sceptical of any agreement being reached.

The crisis in the steel industry will be a priority issue at next month's meeting of the EEC Council of Ministers. Ministers may well be asked to implement mandatory provisions of the European Coal and Steel Community to enforce restrictions on steel output by Community members.

Unit trust body opposes name of SE market

By Philip Robinson

The Stock Exchange's new unlisted securities market could change its name, even before it is put into operation. Concern has been expressed by the Unit Trust Association that the proposed name could mislead the members' investment in the smaller companies for which the market is designed.

The Prevention of Fraud Investment Act (1958) gives the Department of Trade discretionary power which it has used to limit investment by the trusts in unquoted securities to around 5 per cent of funds under management.

Mr Christopher Mayer, chairman of the Unit Trust Association, said: "We have welcomed the new market, but by calling it an Unlisted Market it will make it harder for us to convince trustees and the Department of Trade that it is a proper regulated market. This market is not a second-rate thing. We asked for a second market for smaller companies in our evidence to the Wilson Committee."

Under most trust deeds governing unit trusts, investment is restricted to "securities quoted on a stock exchange". The broad interpretation is meant that trusts can invest in the American over the counter market (OTC) and the small OTC market in the United Kingdom.

Mr Mayer says that simply to change the name to the supplementary securities market, would overcome the problem.

He is awaiting a reply from Mr Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange Council. The council passed the proposals for an unlisted market at its meeting on Tuesday, but it is understood that it was not averse to changing the name.

What is of paramount importance to them is that the new market should be seen as quite distinct from the fully quoted market and this should be reflected in the name.

The main difference between the two is that the USM allows companies to come to market under rules which are not as stringent as those required for a full quote.

The "what's in a name" debate is likely to be raised on October 2 when the Council for the Securities Industry consider the Stock Exchange proposals.

EEC to seek up to $10,000m from Opec to aid Community members

From Peter Norman
Luxembourg, Sept 21

The European Community is drawing up plans to borrow up to $10,000m (£4,255m) from the oil-producing nations to lend as balance of payments assistance to weaker EEC members, and possibly to non-Community countries.

EEC finance ministers agreed at an informal meeting in the north Luxembourg village of Millerthal at the weekend to hold a major debate on the specific role of the Community in recycling the oil surpluses at their council meeting in Luxembourg next month.

This weekend's meeting also agreed on the stance the Community will adopt at the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington at the end of this month. Ministers appeared to dash any hopes that a European monetary fund would be set up as part of the European monetary system within the next 12 months.

The possibility of a new "oil facility", similar to the arrangement of the mid-1970s when the EEC was authorized to borrow up to $3,000m to lend to hard-pressed member states, was discussed this morning.

Signor Filippo Pandolfi, the Italian Treasury Minister, disclosed that $10,000m was considered a maximum amount to be borrowed from Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The discussions in next month's council would be conducted in the light of a report on recycling being prepared by the EEC's monetary committee.

Speaking after the meeting Signor Pandolfi said a decision could be reached either at the Community's next summit meeting in December or early next year.

Herr Manfred Lahnstein, the state secretary at the Bonn finance ministry, was even more optimistic. He said he hoped the new oil facility could be agreed in November.

Signor Pandolfi was particularly anxious that the new arrangement should incorporate a condition that countries accepting the aid should act promptly to put their economies in order. But he stressed that the planned assistance to EEC states in balance of payments difficulties should be seen as complementary to the IMF's own efforts.

The weekend meeting established that the Community was determined to resist any pressure from the developing world to change the nature of the IMF.

The EEC is expected to impress upon the Opec oil producing countries at the IMF meeting that they, too, have a responsibility for the welfare of the world economy and that this responsibility should be reflected in Opec's oil supply and pricing policies.

The Community is likely to underline its own determination to demonstrate that industrial countries can play a significant part in pulling themselves out of recession.

Alongside assurances that the developing world can look for more generous financial assistance from the West, the Community is expected to call on the less-developed countries to recognize that their interests are best served by keeping the role of the IMF limited to monetary affairs and not extending it to over development policy.

In debating the European monetary system, the ministers agreed that it could not move into its second phase as planned in March 1981.

Mr Alfons Van Der Stee, the Dutch finance minister, suggested that it would take at least one year from the original deadline of next March for the projected European monetary fund to be set up.

Signor Filippo Pandolfi: Decision on Opec borrowing possible by December.

Broker urges tighter control of money

By John Whitmore

The Government should act immediately to improve its control of the money supply, according to W. Greenwell and Co, the City stockbroker, who is generally considered to be the leading expert on the gilt-edged market.

In its latest bulletin, Greenwell argues that the Bank of England should force banks immediately to meet the cash requirement outlined in the recent Government Green Paper. The Bank is also advised to give warning that it will be much more hesitant in future about pumping money into the system to meet short-term liquidity needs.

The bulletin also recommends changes in the criteria used to determine what assets are eligible for inclusion in banks' assets and calls for moves to encourage industry to raise more money from share issues and long-term funding.

Greenwell says there is a risk of excessive monetary growth as banks adjust to a new system of control, similar to events in 1971.

The Greenwell proposals come at a time when the monetary officials, particularly Mr Gordon Richardson, the Governor of the Bank of England, are under intense pressure from the Prime Minister to explain precisely what went wrong this summer and what they propose should be done about it.

The need for a review of the way in which monetary control is exercised has been apparent for some years. But not a great deal was done about it until the Conservatives came to office last year.

Even then the debate within the Treasury and the Bank of England moved forward only slowly. This was inspite of the fact that it had become obvious by early last autumn that the removal of exchange control sounded the death knell for the banking "corset".

The promised Green Paper on monetary reform was repeatedly delayed and finally emerged only shortly ahead of this spring's Budget.

Laker plan may spark package holiday war

By David Hewson

Sir Freddie Laker's package holiday group may spark a tour capacity war with the announcement in the middle of next month of a 50 per cent increase in its number of European summer holidays.

The move by Laker comes after the decision by Thomson Holidays, the market leader, to increase its capacity next summer by 20 per cent, although the company believes the recession will lead to no growth in the package holiday market.

Other big tour groups have announced an increase in capacity to take advantage of favourable hotel prices now available in the main European destinations. The expansion also reflects the strong profitability of these companies which have benefited from the strength of sterling.

Laker occupies fifth or sixth place in the league table of British package tour operators, but if the company sells all of the new packages it would move nearer the top.

One of the key factors behind the decision is the delivery of the first batch of 11 European Airbuses to Laker. The 300-seat aircraft will be the only airbuses to be operated by a British package company, and they offer operating cost advantages which Laker believes will enable it to increase its share of the market. Most tour operators now fly the smaller short-haul Boeing 737 aircraft.

Cosmos, Britain's second largest package operator, has yet to announce its plans, but it now seems certain that there will be a substantial overall increase in the number of packages on offer.

Operators have been willing to enter into larger contracts with Mediterranean hoteliers because of the slump this year in tourism from Scandinavia and West Germany which has led to the end of a period of rising prices.

With most of the main companies' brochures now out, it seems that initial bookings are on a par with recent years, though not so high as in 1979 which was an all-time record.

Thomson says that it has already taken deposits on 100,000 holidays out of a total programme of 770,000. While such figures may appear encouraging, there remains the possibility that the industry may experience a high level of cancellations at a later stage.

The fastest growing areas of the package market are Spain, Greece, and America, though Laker will concentrate its growth in Europe.

Small firms 'cannot cure jobs crisis'

By Our Industrial Staff

The Government may be expecting too much too soon from small firms, according to the London Enterprise Agency, a consortium of nine large companies working with the London Chamber of Commerce to help small businesses.

In a research study on how large companies are helping small firms, the agency says that, although small firms are the only real job creators working in the economy at present they will not by themselves solve unemployment.

ICI, British Steel and Pilkingtons are mentioned as three companies which established small firms schemes aimed at replacing jobs lost through their own restructuring.

Other companies, the study says, discovered that it was in their own interest to deal more considerately with small suppliers and sub-contractors.

However, it will be many years before small companies set up as a result of such assistance create significant numbers of new jobs.

Large Firms and Small Firms—A review of current activities, London Enterprise Agency, 59 Cannon Street, London EC4.

Draft code for accountants could end investment property dispute

By Peter Wainwright

The Accounting Standards Committee, the profession's rule-making body, has finally published an exposure draft on "accounting for investment properties".

It is proposed to add this to the Standard of Accounting Practice (SSAP 12) on accounting for depreciation. This deals with the depreciation of fixed assets in general.

The committee believes that the draft, which is open for discussion until the end of the year, will end a long-standing dispute both within accountancy and the property field over the best method of dealing with investment properties.

The committee has decided that investment properties should not be depreciated like ordinary fixed assets. Unlike such assets, they are not used up or worn out in the course of business. They are disposable investments.

Such a property is defined as a disposable investment interest in land and buildings on which construction is finished and which is held for letting.

This definition excludes owner occupation. It has also been determined that property held on a lease with 20 or fewer years is not an investment property.

Investment properties have never been subject to annual depreciation in Britain and the Irish Republic. The important point about investment properties is their value now and changes in this value.

The committee came to its decision in the knowledge that the EEC's fourth directive on company law will soon be on Britain's statute book. This directive is very like SSAP 12 but does permit deviations from annual depreciation where a case can be made.

The committee proposes that current value accounting should be made mandatory. If it was not deemed essential annual depreciation would have to be charged under the Fourth directive.

Disclosure of the names of the people valuing properties, their qualifications and the bases of valuation used are being recommended.

Despite the committee's confidence, the exposure draft will not satisfy everybody. Some say that outside valuers should be brought in every year. Others, like Mr Sydney Mason, chairman of Hammerson Property and Investment Trust, hold the view that properties should be revalued only when rent are renegotiated.

The Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, run by Mr Robert Clark, has a policy of directors revaluing investment properties at intervals of not more than five years.

World Bank hopes for more funds as its role widens

Sympathy but no money for poor

The World Bank has expanded on every front in the last decade. Its professional staff has grown by more than 1,000 to almost 2,500 and the number of its member countries has risen by 19 to 135. The annual amount of the bank's loans has almost quadrupled to $7,600m (£3,153m).

While the range of the bank's projects has also been broadened greatly, it candidly admits that its policies and programmes "have not yet gone far enough to affect the wellbeing of the absolute poor". Its annual report, published today, paints a picture of a proud institution but also of a frustrated one.

The frustration comes primarily because the bank has difficulty lending to the very poorest nations as a result of meanness by the world's rich countries. Very poor developing countries cannot pay current market interest rates and desperately need concessional finance. The bank's affiliate, the International Development Association, exists to provide this money but has run out of funds.

Donor governments have not yet finally approved contributions to replenish the IDA's resources, and The World Bank cannot start new projects of any significance in the poorest countries at present.

Replenishment of the IDA's resources is tentatively set at $12,000m and again it is the industrial countries, not the oil-producing nations, that will be the big donors. The United States has said it will give $3,240m, Britain $1,212m, Japan $1,857m and Germany $1,440m.

The industrial nations face a $50,000m payments deficit this year and are in a worse position to fund the IDA than the oil-exporting countries with their surplus of $115,000m. Saudi Arabia is giving just $390m to the IDA and Kuwait has promised $200m.

On a brighter note, the bank points out that most developing countries managed to weather the economic storms of the 1970s surprisingly well.

In the face of raging inflation, oil price upheaval and a mid-decade recession, the average rate of gross national product growth was 5.3 per cent per year compared with 5.6 per cent in the 1960s. The average in the industrial nations in the 1970s was 3.1 per cent, after 5 per cent in the previous decade.

Most developing nations borrowed their way out of trouble and delayed the revelation of their fundamental economic problems. The debt burden is now becoming acute.

The seriousness of the situation is illustrated by some new International Monetary Fund data which shows a rapid increase in the number of nations asking the fund for cash. In the first two thirds of this year the IMF made loans far greater than it did for all of 1979.

The World Bank has adapted well to changing needs and circumstances. Over the past 10 years an increasing proportion of its loans have gone to population, education, nutrition, urban and rural development projects, and a decreasing amount has gone into large infrastructure ventures.

In the past year the World Bank Group (including IDA and the International Finance Corporation) increased loans and investment commitments by more than $1,700m to $12,162m.

The sum seems large but the bank still provides barely 1 per cent of total investment in developing countries.

Frank Vogl
in Washington

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Fr	71.50	68.00	South Africa Rd	2.20	2.08
...	2.83	2.75	Spain Pta	178.00	170.50
Kr	13.67	13.12	Sweden Kr	10.27	9.82
Mkk	9.05	8.65	Switzerland Fr	4.07	3.87
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MANAGEMENT

How the recession is concentrating managers' minds

Surprisingly, amid all the gloom some people dealing with management are optimistic, though it is, of course, hard to generalize.

John Chadwick of PA International, said, for example, that "managements are sensibly taking the longer view. There is no fear or panic, many people are taking contingency plans out of the drawers. The recession had been so much heralded that few did not prepare for it."

For Mr Chadwick one of the most hopeful signs is that there is now much closer co-operation between unions and management. "There is a great upsurge in the participative approach to solve problems. Bullock is being implemented in some form."

The main imperatives at present, as many management people see, is how to improve cash flow, cut costs in relation to the production volume and bring down unit costs as demand falls. "The name of the game is cash flow", one top account said. This is in fact what, in different ways, PMA (September 8) and Magnet & Southerns (below) are doing.

Almost everyone points out that there is no lack of finance, both short and long-term, to finance changes or initiate new projects. Sources range from the National Enterprise Board to Equity Capital for Industry, Finance for Industry and, increasingly now, clearing banks.

But efforts for the longer term are the most interesting. A director of one of the world's leading management consultancies says that "many people are now forced to sit down and consider from first principles what they are doing and why, and often coming up with imaginative solutions. There is no evidence that British managers are any less competent than others." But he also says that "we've had 20 years or more of doing many wrong things."

At one level many companies are trying to develop new products to be sold, they hope, with the same basic overheads as the rest of their product range. But new designs take time to come into production and there is not always sufficient expert staff available to speed things along. Many companies are enlarging their marketing staff and are prepared to thin down margins for export business.

Efforts are also increasingly being made to save energy in order to cut costs. This is one of the problems most frequently facing management consultants. Another is the increasing use of computers for both production lines and management accounts.

"We are enormously busy with clients who want to become more efficient by buying cheap logic and to install computer run machines." Mr Chadwick says. This view is echoed by others.

One fear is that robots are fast becoming a pattern of industrial production in other countries. "The automation being planned in the United States has awesome implications for bringing costs down and replacing men by machines," says a consultant with one of the world's largest firms.

British managers are trying to adjust and in many cases there is no choice. But this does not mean that success is assured or even that a more automated society is desirable. High interest rates and a strong pound in effect offer a gamble that market forces can do for Britain what decades of state intervention have failed to do. But the often forgotten problem with the market place is that risk taking does not always come off.

Roman Eisenstein

Building on a sound business philosophy

Visiting the head office of Magnet & Southerns in Widnes, Lancashire, on a bright summer day where few consequences of the recession are yet in evidence, tends to give the impression that the home improvement group, which was formed through a series of mergers between various timber companies, is sailing unconcerned through the difficult times which are hitting almost every other industry.

Indeed with last year's profits showing 31 per cent growth to nearly £26m and a strong balance sheet—including cash of around £5m—coupled with increased interest shown in home repairs during periods of high unemployment the group may be considered a high flier for the next few months.

But the reality is more complicated. Although Magnet's board agree that the increase in business from "moonlighting" which seems to go hand in hand with unemployment and is seen throughout its 220 depots as builders come in to collect their materials, they believe that the recession will eventually have to be faced by them too.

Mr Sam Oxford, Magnet's chairman, explains that part of the group's strategy is to expand out of the recession. He is proud that nobody in his company is being made redundant.

The group has concentrated on improving cash flow and enlarging the product range and volume on the same overhead costs. It has mounted a strong advertising and marketing campaign aimed directly at the final consumer.

New products include energy conservation materials such as double glazing and glazed windows. There is also greater emphasis on safety glass. The company's organization is geared to take on these new products.

Taking delivery of a door at a Magnet & Southerns depot.

So while the management is looking for some growth this year and has 17 more sites planned, it is well aware that its best luck might be to ensure that when the economic situation improves it is placed to meet the increased demand.

Much of its ability to cope with the present pressures stem from Magnet & Southerns structure. It was created in its present form in 1975 with the merger of the Keighley-based Magnet Joinery and Southern-Evans—itself the product of a link-up between two Widnes companies.

The combination of the two groups provided the distribution outlets which now extend from Scotland to the Channel Islands. They form the backbone of the group's network. Builders and the do-it-yourself enthusiast are able to go to depots on the very day they require a door or a window and take it away. Stocks are not left lying on building sites for weeks and joiners and carpenters are able to buy piecemeal, using less capital for purchases.

"We were the first people to do this with manufactured joinery and provided goods off the shelf, at a reasonable price which included the service element which we believe is essential to bring people back," says Mr Oxford. This formula has been a success but it was linked with Mr. Oxford's worries about the future of the new housing market and the extent to which it had become a political seesaw by the 1970s.

The volatility and cyclical nature of building also made the group exposed to outside influences which it set about reducing. With Southern-Evans deriving about 80 per cent of its turnover from new housing before 1975, that percentage has now been reduced to about a fifth of group sales. More than 60 per cent is found in home improvement, and the other 20 per cent comes from a combination of supplying local authorities, other builders' merchants and the caravan and trailer industry.

The third factor in the group's philosophy is that it is more resistant to price fluctuations by making its own products and thus controlling the price structure. "The operations which work on providing discounts run into difficulties when demand drops, and although we do give discounts we are much more able to ensure better efficiency and productivity to improve the bargain", stressed Mr Oxford.

Timber stocks have always been a problem for the industry, which is handled by each company differently. Some companies like to keep stocks high but at times of high interest charges they end up with high financial costs. Magnet, on the other hand, decided to look to the service aspect to provide additional profit which initially brought about a reduction in turnover, but helped to control stock levels and contributed to its strong cash position today.

Last year, however, Magnet's stock profits were partially offset by the rise in the value of sterling against the currencies of timber-producing countries.

In spite of all the rationalization in the timber industry over the past decade, Magnet has not gone in for complete integration of its different operations although the financial side is coordinated from Widnes. Manufacturing requires a somewhat tougher approach, whereas merchanting, directly involved with the customer, can and must adapt to their needs.

So in Mr Oxford's words the group has achieved some dovetailing and received the benefits of amalgamation while losing the advantages of varied style, with its managing directors split between Lancashire and Yorkshire.

Building trends are also favouring Magnet's with the increased popularity of timber frame housing which has become more acceptable to the industry lately, despite its reputation for conservatism. The group has looked hard at the traditional side of its business, doors and windows, and is introducing a new range of redwood window frames from its new factory in Penrith in an attempt to snatch some of the aluminium frame market.

This development is also connected with Magnet's merchanting emphasis on energy saving which in the days of a recession should be as relevant a consideration as price.

But there is no hint of complacency at Magnet & Southerns. Mr Oxford has already said publically that the group cannot be immune from serious recession and high inflation but he is probably right when he says that it is better placed than many, and relatively speaking it will perform well in a difficult period.

Rosemary Unsworth

Shedding a little light on staff relations

At a time when many British exporters are sinking beneath the triple burden of inflation, high interest rates, and a strong pound, it is refreshing find one which, already world leader in its field, is steadily increasing that lead against competitors in Japan, Germany, and the United States.

The secret seems to lie in old-fashioned virtues practised in a distinctly old-fashioned way.

Aga Navigation Aids, founded in 1913 in Brentford, west London, supplies over a third of the world's lighthouse, buoy, and sea beacon equipment, its nearest rival being an American firm that supplies a quarter.

"We are a funny lot; lighthouse maniacs my wife says", declares Mr Ken Sutton-Jones, Aga's managing director. Now 60, he joined Aga five and a half years ago from its main rival that had become part of a conglomerate with results he found distasteful. A steady, serious man, he started as an engineering apprentice at 16, and spent 30 years travelling the world as a salesman and engineer.

The works, set in one of those industrial estates of smallish firms to which Mrs Thatcher apparently looks for Britain's industrial resurgence, has an air of relaxed order and dedication. Beautifully-made components of brass and mirror testify to an emphasis on one paramount quality at Aga—quality.

"You can go to one of our competitors and buy a light at a quarter the cost", Mr Sutton-Jones says. "But if it goes wrong it costs a lot of money to get a launch and repair crew out to sea to mend it." A beacon flasher that recently came in for service for the first time was found to have been supplied in 1920 and has worked continuously ever since.

"If only big firms would realize they have a number of lines, and by separating and rationalizing them into not more than 600 people they would do a lot better"—Mr Ken Sutton-Jones of Aga

The fitter working on it, fifty-ish and 15 years with Aga, commented: "Friendly firm. Nice people. We are always kept in the picture. I like the products we make. They get ships home, prevent pollution, and provide a job for us."

Aga's turnover at £5.5m has doubled in five years and the firm is "highly profitable", Mr Sutton-Jones says. It is wholly-owned by Sweden's Aga group, of Aga cooker fame, but now strong worldwide in industrial heating and refrigeration. The "nav-aid" subsidiary was sited in Britain because London in 1913 was the centre of world shipping, and it is still controlled from London rather than Sweden.

There is no union to represent the 150-strong workforce at Aga, a cheerful milling-machine operator told me. "There is none of this rigid 'I do that job and nothing else'. If the unions win concessions on pay and holidays we always get it." He had been offered a week off on full pay when his wife was in hospital recently. "When a firm does things like that for you, you feel like doing things for them."

There is a productivity bonus in May (two weeks' extra pay this year) and a long-service bonus at Christmas. New recruits ask if it is a union firm and are apparently relieved it is not, according to Mr Tom Wood, the works manager. "They seem worried about strikes, disputes, coming out in sympathy. In a small organization they can see me and get it sorted out before there is a real problem."

Absence of union recognition is not the result of company policy. "If they want a union they can have one, but at present there is a definite preference not to" says Mr Sutton-Jones.

At Aga everyone can see his particular part made up into the finished product, one of the many advantages of smallness in Mr Sutton-Jones' view. "If only these big firms would realize they have a number of lines, and separate and rationalize them into units of not more than 600 people, they would do a lot better."

"People have a certain pride, and these large units tend to undermine self-respect. It is a matter of understanding people and feeling for them. I would not dream of introducing a new product without discussing it fully with the men."

There is no works council or committee though. As few meetings as possible is our rule. Meetings take an awful lot of working time if you do not control them.

But there is plenty of informal communication. Moving around the works he meets practically everyone every day.

"We are bound to provide a good return for our investors but also fulfilling work for our staff. Some people working here are not as good as others. We take them, develop them to their peak, then accept them. There is no point in going on breathing down their necks. Then they can feel relaxed, and contribute without feeling they are making fools of themselves."

Of course the strong pound is hitting Aga. "My financial controller tells me we have got to put up prices. But I am aware of the enormous disparity that already exists between our prices and those of our competitors." So while pressing ahead with technical innovation—wind, wave, and solar power for example—there is a big drive to cut costs, by re-designing for cheaper machining, and for cheaper packing and transport.

While respecting his own, Mr Sutton-Jones admits to being "a bit of a financial-controller-basher." Too much of British industry is dominated by financial controllers he believes—people whose method is—never take a risk. "But our whole operation depends on taking well-calculated risks."

Michael Baily

Communicating financial matters to employees

The findings of a report entitled *You See What I Mean** might help employees to do just that.

Instead of tiresome, often baffling columns of figures, employees are increasingly being shown, in cartoon, film or slide form, what their company is doing.

The use of audio-visual aids is the latest development in the quest to improve communications between employees and management in Britain.

About thirty companies, including Barclays Bank, Metal Box and GEC Power Engineering, have been using audio technology to launch what is being described as the "revolution in company communications".

The report, the fourth booklet in a series on disclosure of financial information to trade unions and employees, has been sponsored by Touche Ross, the chartered accountants, and undertaken by research officers at the Industrial Relations Annexe of St Edmund Hall, Oxford.

It brings together the experiences of companies which have been introducing audio visual aids along with the advice of film makers on the techniques available, and gauges employee reaction.

The general response shows that companies feel that the cost of audio visual presentations is money well spent. But Mr Roger Hussey, the author of the report, says that not enough companies are seeking feedback on the effectiveness of audio visual communication.

"If companies took as much care evaluating their employee communication policies as they do their marketing policies, we have no doubt that those policies would be noticeably more effective", he said.

The advantages of audio visual communication are said to be its "dynamic" impact and its effectiveness in transmitting a message to the eye and the ear, the gathering together of employees for the occasion, and confidentiality.

The response from employees is the decisive factor in assessing effectiveness. Four companies supplied the project with their surveys taken after the showings.

Although enthusiasm, particularly for film shows, was apparent in the questionnaires, Mr Hussey said that much of the reaction may have been due to seeing the company making an effort to communicate.

When asked whether they felt the shows had increased their knowledge of the company, all four employee groups thought they had.

"But the most important potential development of audio visual that we foresee appears to be in the role of a catalyst—as part of a strategy not merely for communication, but for actually bringing about change in an organization", Mr Hussey said.

The report concludes that if careful evaluation by questionnaires, surveys and interviews is carried out with the employees, audio visual techniques could provide a useful means for company communication.

Margareta Pagano

* *You See What I Mean is available from Touche Ross & Co: Hill House, 1, Little New Street, London, EC4.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Incentives to employ disabled workers

From Mr Bryan Askew

Sir, The plea by Mr C. G. Maughan (*The Times*, September 8) for making more effective the quota system for disabled workers is unsound because encouragement not penalization should be the criteria for any new policy.

To strengthen the scheme would be both misguided and ineffective because:

(a) The large number of disabled who refuse to register as they feel it is a social stigma to be a green card holder.

(b) The fact that many employers have enlightened personnel policies covering the disabled but never achieve their quota because of (a).

Both disabled and employers need incentives; the disabled to become registered and employers to employ. My view is that all registered disabled persons in employment should have a special taxation allowance while employers should receive a subsidy. This subsidy could be exemption from paying NHI contributions for those employees who are registered disabled. The following facts, published in January, 1979, are proof of the failure of the quota system.

1. Central government is exempt.

2. Not one single county council complies while 32 of them employ less than 1 per cent.

3. None of the nationalized industries, electricity boards or regional water boards achieve their quota.

4. None of the regional and area health authorities exceeded a rate of 1.7 per cent.

5. The House of Lords employs 2.2 per cent and the House of Commons less than 1.5 per cent.

6. The Home Office employs 0.6 per cent.

7. Even the Employment Group which is responsible for the policy of disabled employment only manages 2.8 per cent.

The problem of employment of the disabled will never be solved by re-hashing old worn-out policies. Only a new system of incentives has a chance of succeeding.

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British Steel's service

From Mr B. G. Mabey

Sir, May I be unfashionable and record the excellent service my company constantly receives from the British Steel Corporation?

To take a recent example. We had the opportunity of obtaining an export order, subject to being able to deliver within six weeks. To do this we needed 1,000 tons of steel with delivery starting in 10 days. During our negotiations the BSC offered to cast the billets for the order over a weekend, so long as we telephoned the order to them on the Saturday morning. This we duly did and steel sections started to arrive in our works promptly nine days later.

This excellent service permitted us not only to obtain the order, but also to fulfil our delivery promise to our client. This is not an exception, but is typical of the support we constantly receive from the BSC who appear to take a very personal interest in our export drive.

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Bank lending to industry

From Professor D. A. Bell

Sir, Reference to the Central Statistical Office's monthly *Financial Statistics*, Table 9.2, shows that there was a large increase in industrial borrowing from the banks between 1975 and 1976 and a further significant increase in 1979. This remains true after one has eliminated (or at least greatly reduced) the effect of inflation by dividing by the index of wholesale selling prices.

At the same time there was a reduction in the use of debentures and preference shares. The explanation is simple. At a time of high interest rates one tries to avoid long-term funding of debt and instead uses short-term borrowing from the bank as far as possible; but as soon as interest rates come down and look like staying down one will be able to fund some of the debt at a reasonable rate and reduce the bank overdraft.

In so far as borrowing from the bank "creates" money, a high interest rate thus inflates the money supply. This is not what the Government intended, but it appears to be what is happening.

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Capital gain from home loans

From Mr J. H. Martin

Sir, Mr Andrew Parkin rightly points out (September 16) that a more fair balance must not be struck between building society investors and borrowers. The latter have for several years been enabled to achieve considerable tax free gains at the expense of the former by means of mortgage loans made at lower than commercial rates of interest and with the benefit of income tax relief in respect of that interest.

The solution lies not in restricting that relief but rather in requiring the borrowers to disgorge on realization a reasonable part of those capital gains. This could be effected by the statutory introduction of a form of equity mortgage to be used in the case of all future building society loans to secure for the building society a share in the jointly earned capital gain.

On redemption of the mortgage loan, the calculation of the capital sum payable to the building society would be based upon the then market value of the property on which the loan was secured, after making an allowance for improvements funded directly by the borrower. The formula for calculating this sum could include as factors the proportion which the original amount of the loan bore to the market value of the property at the time of acquisition and the number of years of the original mortgage term then unexpired.

Over a period of time such equity mortgages would provide building societies with a separate capital fund which one would hope, the Government would not seek to tax. The income from such a fund would enable building societies to pay the equivalent of index-linked supplement to direct investors. The capital of the fund would provide a source of additional mortgage loans, perhaps for a particular area of need, or possibly enable building societies to develop new housing for letting at open market rents on assured tenancies under the provisions of section 56 of the Housing Act 1980.

Those provisions have yet to come into effect but the Abbey National Building Society is one that has expressed interest in such development. In this last way the owner-occupier would, perhaps not unreasonably, be subsidising usefully the private rented sector.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Corporate bonds remain in the doldrums

...e seen a number of disappointed ...ver the last few years that the cor... fixed interest market might be on ...r of resurrection. But on this occa... prospects of it actually happening ...her brighter. Certainly, the authori... ...e made it clear that they are ...ly keen on the idea—though that ...e is hardly surprising since it would ...reat deal of pressure off the money ...

...not, however, going to happen just ...eed, it could take some months to ...he general assumption in the City ...ompanies will not be tempted even ...mplate a longer term fixed rate ...til the price comes down to around ...nt.

...means medium and longer-term gilt ...obably still need to fall by a further ...nt. And the potential problem by ... that happens, of course, is that ... and interest rate prospects may ...h as to persuade the corporate ... that he will be able to borrow ...re "cheaply" if only he waits a ...ths longer.

...er or not the Government can do ... to accelerate the process must be ... It has, apparently, played around ...as for subsidizing long-term fixed ...issues, but most of the ideas seem ...ritten the dust on the grounds that ...ld be abused.

...is probably little to be done either ...s of making the corporate fixed ...ssue more attractive to the investor. ...ity has already gone on non-con... issues, while any capital gains tax ...ns would be of no help to gross ...erhaps, when the time comes, The ...change would make a gesture by ... its commission charges on cor...ed interest issues.

...hile, the prospect of a revival in ...ket does seem likely to cause ...heir advisers and potential inves... all manner of administrative head...during the seventies conditions ... to bank and other forms of loans ... companies have had increasingly ...ive generally become much tighter. ...he present state of the economy ... providers of new long-term debt ...only going to be taking a great deal ... and time over assessing the tradi...venture issue.

...lly, patently more solid companies ... it rather simpler to try a straight... issue of unsecured loan stock. It is ...g to reflect that any revival of the ... fixed interest market will waft ...nger investors and company fin...ectors into a world that they have ...own.

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...estimates that a 3-point rise or fall ...est rates costs or saves industry ...£40m, assuming present sterling ...eanwhile, the recession's attendant ... have left manufacturers with ...rocks to finance, and pushed cor...borrowings up. It is this combination

Income gearing %

	1978	1979	mid-80
	15.3	27.0	62.4
	21.0	20.5	16.3
Schweppes	27.0	29.2	36.6
	35.5	31.7	43.8
	29.6	39.7	40.7
	20.0	25.3	49.5
	40.2	17.9	23.0
Colman	8.6	16.5	23.4
	13.5	19.3	60.6
	8.8	14.8	18.0
	19.4	19.0	29.4
Newall	25.5	223.7	416.7
	25.5	41.5	43.0
	34.2	88.7	161.0

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...tcome is that results now being ... for the six months to end-June ...ere increases in income gearing—...centage of pre-interest and pretax ...paid out in interest costs)—even ... since December. The table shows how this has affected a number of companies who have reported during the past two weeks.

Those groups already finding it difficult to meet their interest costs in late 1979 are obviously suffering most. Hence, Stone-Platt and Weir are both returning post-interest losses. Some have managed to get a firmer grip on their balance sheets.

BICC, for example, has reduced its income gearing. But most groups, notably engineering companies, have paid out a much higher proportion of their profits to the banks and other lenders in the first six months of 1980.

Some were already committed to expenditure which could not be avoided. One of the main planks in the present setting is the banks' willingness to go on lending to the corporate sector, to the hindrance of government attempts to control the money supply. Most of British industry is not yet hard up against its borrowing facilities—though individual groups may be.

So, in order to survive now, companies are slashing their expenditure programmes and seeking other ways to raise money to cut, or at least peg, their borrowing needs.

● *The Monopolies Commission's report on credit cards throws a fascinating light on the profitability of the business. The 1978 figures, the last fully available show some contradictory patterns. First Barclaycard which has around 39 per cent of the market only made profits of £4.9m from the business while, for example National Westminster Bank, which has about 40 per cent of the slightly smaller Access grouping made £7m.*

Within Access, where National Westminster, Lloyds and the Midland are the major partners, the differences are even more startling.

National Westminster's high profitability is nowhere matched by the other two. Midland made £2.9m while Lloyds which is roughly of similar size to the Midland only a measly £1.1m. There seem to be two explanations for this.

First, it appears that this is a highly geared business with high fixed overheads. So the more customers you have the better. NatWest, for example had 1.5 million personal customers compared to one million for the Midland and only 793,000 for Lloyds.

Secondly, NatWest's success seems to be largely attributable to a marketing strategy which has resulted in more card-carrying customers prepared to borrow on their cards at high interest charges. No less than 79 per cent of its cardholders balances were interest-bearing as against 72.3 per cent for Midland and only 66 per cent for Lloyds.

Overseas companies

Why they list in London

Everyone has heard of the foreign companies securing London listings, and last week the spotlight fell on Sea Containers, in container leasing, Mitel, a Canadian supplier of telephone switching equipment, and Toshiba Corporation, the Japanese electrical concern.

Few now remember the exit of a raft of Japanese groups from London in the early 1970s when they discovered that one rule was that existing shareholders got first call on new shares in a rights issue. More recently, Firestone Tyre and Rubber silently delisted.

Even so a London listing is desirable if unimportant.

One day foreign concerns may want to raise money in London (Mitel will next year) and a London quotation could make loans a trifle cheaper to obtain. Finally, London has the toughest rules in the world save only for New York where filing is expensive. A London listing means that a company will have little difficulty in getting a quotation anywhere else.

The abolition of exchange control makes this a good time for British institutions to consider widening portfolios, especially into fields where they may be underrepresented thanks to a paucity of choice at home. The particulars a foreign company files and a visit from the board give institutions a chance to get to know them.

However a competent broker has little trouble in dealing anywhere in the world. That is one reason why, of 390 overseas companies listed here, only half-a-dozen have an active trade in their stock.

Can the Government get the money supply under control?

John Whitmore

Next week's Treasury-Bank of England seminar on the control of the money supply should be lively. Events so far this year have, to say the least, given a certain piquancy to what many people, quite understandably, see as a rather dry subject.

Distortions and exceptional circumstances will always be pleaded in mitigation when the execution of economic policy starts to run into difficulties. Nor is there necessarily anything wrong in that.

But the fact remains that on just about every measure of money—the narrow version (M1) excepted—the underlying rate of monetary growth has been appreciably higher so far this year than commonly predicted.

In short, recent monetary developments could scarcely have provided a better background against which to look at the central issue of this spring's Green Paper on monetary control, namely the conduct of interest rate policy.

At present, monetary policy is conducted along lines traditionally favoured by the Bank of England. That is to say, the authorities try to control the money stock (notes and coins in circulation, together with United Kingdom residents' sterling bank deposits) by estimating a level of interest rates consistent with their targets for monetary growth over a period of, say, six months.

Broadly speaking, the "price" of money chosen will be based on two considerations. First, the extent to which it is likely to influence the growth of bank lending, since each new loan potentially creates a new deposit. Second, the extent to which it is likely to persuade private sector investors, particularly the major institutional investors, to exchange their money holdings for holdings of government debt.

Once the authorities have chosen the level of interest rates, the most immediate check to monetary growth normally results from heavy sales of government stock, provided, that is, that investors believe that the authorities have "got it right".

Bank lending generally takes longer to respond; and if, as has happened this year, it takes a great deal longer to respond, then the authorities may have to try and maintain gilt-edged sales at a higher level than would be necessary simply to fund the public sector's borrowing requirement.

This year that has not proved too difficult since most investors have continued to believe that recession, bringing with it falling prices and lower interest rates, was just around the corner. In addition, the market has been given further stimulus by strong investment interest from overseas.

The problem with heavy gilt-edged sales to the private sector, however, is that they drain the banking system of liquidity. It is not, moreover, just gilt-edged sales that have drained liquidity out of the system. In the first quarter of this year there were also particularly large flows of money from the private sector to the Exchequer because of an exceptional bunching of taxation and other payments.

All this left the discount houses, which act as a buffer between the commercial banks and the central bank, desperately short of cash, while the commercial banks themselves were left even shorter of the liquidity they require to meet the reserve asset requirements imposed on them by the Bank of England.

The Bank of England's policy in these circumstances is to act as a liberal lender of last resort. In effect, having chosen what it considers to be the appropriate medium-term stance for interest rates, the Bank will provide the system with liquidity on demand—albeit that it can exercise some influence on banking sector behaviour according to the way in which it makes this "help" available.

It is for this reason that we have seen a continuous and massive recycling of funds into the banking system this year. Leaving aside its discount market operations, the Bank has released to the commercial banks all remaining special deposits. At the time of release, in January, this was worth almost £1,000m.

In addition, the Bank has provided various packages of short-term liquidity by buying (non-reserve) gilt-edged stock from the banks on a temporary basis. At present, aid outstanding under this heading totals some £1,250m.

The net result of all this has been that the banks have been able to increase their reserve assets by more than a fifth over the last nine months and, by extension, their overall level of domestic business by a roughly similar amount.

Had the Bank decided at some stage that lending was growing far too fast and that counter measures were desirable it could, of course, have acted in a more restrictive way. But the penalty, inevitably, would have been that short-term interest rates would have risen sharply.

Now all this raises two fundamental questions. First, if monetary targets are to form the fulcrum of economic policy, is it wise to use a system that relies on the central bank (or, for that matter, ministers) correctly estimating the appropriate price of money? Secondly even if the other systems were to be ruled out as non-starters, has interest rate policy been run sensibly this year?

As far as other systems go, the straight alternative would be one in which the authorities sought to control only the quantity of money in circulation, leaving the market to work out the correct price.

The extreme form of such a system would involve the commercial banks being required to keep the size of their sterling deposits in a set proportion to their cash holding at the Bank of England. The sole job of the Bank would then be to determine the appropriate growth rate for these cash holdings and to ensure, through its market operations, that the chosen path was followed—whatever the price.

This is what is known as non-discretionary monetary base control. Protagonists of the system hold that the authorities dislike it precisely because it removes their traditional discretion. The authorities, on the other hand, say that the reason they are not keen on it is because it is far too rigid and is likely to lead to much greater volatility in interest rates, to nobody's benefit.

One way or another, we may well be heading, as a first step at least, towards a compromise loaded in favour of the authorities.

In other words, a discretionary monetary base system. For once the present reserve asset system is phased out what we will be left with will in fact be a cash base system. It is difficult to believe, however, that the authorities will want to run in such a system without retaining a considerable degree of "flexibility" in the initial stages.

Whether the authorities would be ready (or might be forced?) to yield discretion at a later date is another question. One must suspect, however, that both politicians and officialdom will remain loathe to yield discretion in this field so long as they remain unprepared to institutionalize the commitment to sound money in the form of an independent central bank.

As far as the conduct of monetary interest rate policy this year goes, one can only say that it has totally failed to produce the desired results in terms of sterling M3. It is hardly surprising, moreover, that to many people it looks to have been a total shambles.

What on earth was the Bank doing draining liquidity out of the system under the supplementary special deposit scheme (the "corset") and feeding it back through gilt-edged sale and repurchase arrangements.

What was the intended spirit of the priority lending directive given to the banks?

Was it really that clearing bank lending to the personal sector should grow at an annualized rate of over 30 per cent in the last quarter? In many respects the clearing banks have led the authorities over a barrel this year.

As the Government and those responsible for conducting monetary policy set about picking up the pieces, the ultimate question, I suppose, is this: has irreparable damage been done to the medium-term strategy? Or would the consequences of still higher interest rates this spring have been yet more harmful?

Not really playing the game

As working weeks tend to become shorter and leisure activities gather in importance, Britain's games industry should be ready to cash in on idle hands. Instead, the industry is in total disarray, disorganized and fluttering round the fringes of what could be a bonanza.

This is the general view of Mr Jack Jaffe, London-based games inventor, puzzle pundit and constant critic of games companies. Mr Jaffe has been figuratively hitting his head against a brick wall for the past five years attempting to persuade games manufacturers to break new ground in terms of organization, promotion and exploitation of the situation, particularly in the adult market.

He points out that unlike all other consumer-based industries, the games industry has no central body representing it. This he believes is vital, not only to supply information to consumers and the media but to promote the activity of games playing. The industry's marketing techniques, he says, are poor and often non-existent in some companies.

"In no other leisure industry do producers expect their products to sell without effective advertising and marketing, but the vast majority of games produced in Britain are not advertised at all to consumers and only rarely to retailers." He calculates that only 3 to 4 per cent of turnover is spent on promotion and advertising.

Founder of the Society of Inventors of Games and Mathematical Puzzles (Sigma), Mr Jaffe and the society have made many proposals to manufacturers such as a national games fair, school games clubs, and a national network of adult games clubs.

"The industry has not merely ignored them, its rudeness extends to not replying to letters or phone calls." He recalls a brief success last year when six established companies were persuaded to meet to discuss the state of the industry.

"At that meeting a resolution was carried unanimously agreeing in principle to setting up a central body to represent the industry and Sigma was asked to call a second meeting which we did. Only one of these six companies took the trouble to advise us in advance of the meeting that it would not be attending. The others simply did not turn up."

Another sore point with Mr Jaffe is that the industry steadfastly refuses to recognize the potential in games for adults. North America, France and Germany, he claims, have much more developed adult games markets.

"To market adult games the industry would have to persuade additional retail outlets, like gift shops, bookshops, and sports shops to stock games since adults will not buy adult goods from toy shops. This is a difficult but not impossible task if the industry improves its marketing techniques." An important corollary of adult games playing would be that press and TV would devote resources to games reporting as they do abroad.

Mr Jaffe's main claim to fame is that he invented the game Libido which is designed "to get players to reveal their sexual attitudes". He had problems persuading manufacturers to produce the game so he formed his own company Sheledas, made the game himself and has so far sold "well into six figures".

As an inventor, he is understandably concerned about rewards. The industry's development, he says, is dependent on encouraging and adequately rewarding a corpus of professional games inventors.

"Games invention is as much a creative process as writing or photography. Moreover, a game has to be tested by playing as often as is needed to perfect it. All of this takes creative ability, experience and time but the industry does nothing to encourage professional inventors and much to discourage them. It often fails to acknowledge games submitted, it never offers any serious critique of such games, it rarely credits the inventor with authorship of his game and above all it fails to pay adequate royalties."

The electronic-video games market, he thinks is also being mishandled. "Virtually all these games are based on movement-coordination — shoot at it or avoid it.

"The intellect is not engaged, so after a relatively short period players get bored. Most of these games have originated abroad. The market will not develop as it should until domestic companies involve professional inventors in the origin of video games." He makes the point that it is a great deal more difficult to sell a new game in Britain to a manufacturer than it is to have a first novel published. Hundreds of book publishers produce thousands of new books each year. There are only seven major games companies which, says Mr Jaffe, produce between two and six new games each year.

Mr Jaffe has harsh words to say about management in the games industry. He says: "The overall calibre of the industry's management is poor. This is demonstrated not just by the industry's conservatism or the almost monthly news that another toy-games company is in the receiver's hands, but also by the success of the United States company Milton Bradbury's subsidiary in capturing around 30 per cent of the market within three years of it starting operations in Britain. Had this occurred in any other industry, it would have produced media headlines and cries of outrage."

If nothing else, Mr Jaffe is a crusader. In a effort to make games pay, he has embarked on a venture aimed at selling promotional games and puzzles to companies or their advertising agents. He is critical of the advertising and marketing world for being slow to recognize the appeal of promotional games and puzzles and claims he can devise a promotional game or puzzle to suit any client. He is at present working on games for a bank and an oil company.

Ronald Kershaw

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A West End, London games shop——but well stocked shelves disguise "weak advertising and marketing support by the manufacturers".

Business Diary profile: The captaincy of Peter Prior

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Peter Prior of H. P. Bulmer: Makes more sense having them out of their trenches and playing ball with each other, what?

himself running a leadership school for a Beach Group, a mixed bag of army units.

The war over, Prior had a Croix de Guerre but no professional qualifications. For two years he studied accountancy by day and read economics by night.

He then put an advertisement in *The Economist* saying: "BSc (Econ), chartered accountant, Captain (Intelligence Corps), 6½ years' service, with a distinctive approach to business."

A distinctive approach to business indeed is what Peter Prior has been known for ever since. The advertisement drew six replies, one from the seaplane makers Saunders Roe, and soon he was company secretary of a subsidiary employing 3,000.

He then sought to broaden his experience with management consultants Urwick, Orr. This sent him to Beirut to reorganize United Nations camps for 900,000 refugees, and by contrast to reshape the layout for the Liberty corset and brassiere factory at Market Harborough.

It was in 1965, after other jobs in industry, that he got his chance to put his theories into practice as a chief executive. Again the war played a part.

He was invited to become managing director of H. P. Bulmer, a company whose ruling family had lost sons in both world wars. Bertram, the then managing director, was to move up to the chairmanship, and what remained of the younger generation was still very young. Esmond, Bertram's cousin, the present deputy chairman and Tory MP for Kidderminster was then only 30.

Ten years ago Bertram Bulmer handed over the chairmanship to Prior. In the two men like had met like.

Bulmer shopfloor employees clock on and off no longer. Since foremen became responsible for timekeeping, it has improved. Executives, Prior included, do the odd day on the shopfloor.

Between them Prior and Bertram Bulmer have brought and held together a team which has brought, in regular, above-average increases in productivity and profitability. The company at Hereford has lost not one hour's production through disputes in eight years.

Prior says in his book as in his business life that people can be compelled to do things by poverty and fear no more. The leader grasps that the only alternative is inclination, whether individual or group, to achieve agreed objectives through teamwork.

The leader, be he or she chief executive, line manager or foreman, creates and functions best in a direct, unambiguous organization which permits "free scope for individual initiative". Barriers have to be replaced by trust and rewards must come in praise as well as money.

"The problem with British industry", is a phrase Prior would complete by saying "is not that there is a shortage of leaders but that there are plenty lost in the business undergrowth from which the environment does not encourage them to emerge".

He discourages what he sees as excessive dedication to the job, and argues that flamboyance, either in method or personal interests, not only may be permissible but even necessary if a leader is to be identifiable. Prior himself likes 1,000 cc motor bikes, free-fall parachuting (26,000ft this year) and subaqua diving.

By what will Peter Prior be identifiable from now on? He could retire from the Bulmer board next year. The chairmanship of a substantial nationalized industry might appeal.

He does not want to go on theorizing: that work is being done by The Leadership Trust, which he helped found and is run by an ex-SAS major, David Gilbert-Smith. There may be another book, a business version of David Niven's showbiz autobiography, *The Moon's a Balloon*.

"The young", Prior has written, "have come to regard business as dull, boring and monotonous, and so often it is. Wealth creation for society is a most honourable occupation, but it must also become an exciting and attractive one. The true leader makes it so".

This captain is doing his bit.

Tomorrow: Tolpuddle and all that.

Ross Davies

Slump bites deeper in N-east

Industry in the regions

The Team Valley Trading Estate, Gateshead, in the north-east corner of England, intrudes into the open countryside to the south of the river Tyne.

The estate was conceived in the mid-thirties as industrial transplant surgery for the economy of a region suffering the ills flowing from an aging heavy engineering base and world recession.

Today it houses the headquarters of the English Industrial Estates Corporation and 120 factories producing a wide variety of products from heavy mining machinery to banknotes.

More than 16,000 people work on the estate. As Team Valley has grown over the past 40 years, shipbuilding, armaments and heavy engineering on the banks of the Tyne have been in retreat.

The flag of the Queen's Award to Industry is no rare sight on an estate which for four decades has been easing the burden of Tyneside's above-average unemployment rate.

A formula devised to break from the recession of the thirties is still paying dividends in today's chill industrial climate. Team Valley's flexibility and diversity has meant that wholesale closures have been rare.

Three, however, were announced recently, BOC, Dependable Products and Liner. The total of jobs lost—less than 500 during the summer—seems comfortable when compared to the rest of the North-east and the country as a whole. But the picture beneath the surface is less than rosy.

Many factories on the estate are now working short-time, some as little as 16 hours a week. Altogether 12,000 workers in the region are on a reduced working week, almost a fifth of the short-time being found at Team Valley.

At the Dunlop Hydraulic Hose works, 1,700 people are now on a four-day week. Short-time working and gloomy prospects also face another of the estate's biggest employers, Thorn Heating.

Demand for Thorn's products is reported at an all-time low with stocks in hand at a record level. Six hundred workers at the plant face an uncertain future; uneasy in the knowledge that the company's sister plant at nearby Spennymoor, County Durham, has 1,500 men on short-time and 400 redundancies in the pipeline.

Generally medium and smaller sized firms are weathering the recession more easily than larger employers. Although many of the smaller fry are experiencing cash flow problems and often awaiting payment from slow settling debtors they are existing on borrowed capital.

The alternative is a reduction in output. A small engineering works on Queensway, Team Valley, employed a workforce of 21 a year ago. Today the staff of Newburn Engineering is down to single figures; even the secretarial work is done on a three-day week.

Last year expansion had seemed the more likely prospect. Although the combination of small-scale and flexible development is paying dividends it brings with it a very cautious approach to forward planning. Many of the nursery unit factories on the estate are still maintaining full production. For some expansion could be an option but the uncertain economic climate is putting a brake on new investment.

Mr George Arnold, regional organizer of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers says: "The situation on the Team Valley is by no means as bad as elsewhere but the problem of short-time working is growing daily and will soon reach a critical level."

In one respect the position is already critical. Over the past two years there has been a dramatic reduction—down by as much as 20 per cent—in the numbers of apprenticeships on offer. Even the local council has been forced to cut back.

The number of doors being closed on Gateshead school leavers worries Councillor Bill Collins, the leader of Gateshead council. He urged a recent delegation from the Department of Employment to seek new ways of making apprenticeships available including allowing local authorities to provide subsidized skill training from the rates.

"It is one way in which youngsters could find initial employment, learn a skill to trade and be well placed to get a job when the situation improves", says Councillor Collins. This year the prospects for school leavers on the Team Valley are bleak. Gateshead has 3,500 youngsters seeking jobs. So far only around 500 have found employment.

Gateshead's employment development officer has a brief which includes attracting new industries to the town. His verdict is pessimistic: "There is no immediate sign of things improving. I can see at least another year of agony."

Frank Fairley

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Dale Electric set on road to recovery

By Our Financial Staff

Order intake at Dale Electric, the power systems group, is up by 90 per cent since the end of the year under review and there is confidence that last year's fall in profits can be recovered.

The collapse of markets in Iran, Iraq, Nigeria and Turkey and the fall-off of demand in the United Kingdom led the group to report stagnant turnover at £24m and a fall in pretax profits from £2m to £1.3m to the year end April 27. Exports accounted for £8.8m.

Shareholders were told last week that the group was over the worst and back to recovery by the chairman, Mr Leonard Dale. "The second half profits are almost double the first half and order books already stand at £14.7m", he said.

Foreign exchange fluctuations and high interest charges, together with the collapse of markets, said Mr Dale, had all compounded to made 1979 a poor year where market pricing collapsed and British goods were under-cut.

Dale, manufacturers of generating sets, aerospace ground power equipment and micro-electronic equipment, has had to adapt to changing markets and a new factory opening in Leeds in October producing diesel and gas turbine generating sets is geared to this change, he said. Orders worth £2m had already been placed.

This move to high voltage sets came about from the closure of the Hull factory.

Branon to make its debut

A new energy services group supplying the essential needs of the international oil and gas industries makes its debut this week.

Branon, with interests in oil and gas drilling equipment and highway maintenance, issued a total of 2.9 million £1 shares which were placed with selected institutions at 100p a share last week.

The directors, holding some 26 per cent of the company, include Sir Monty Finniston as chairman, Mr Michael Abbot, the chairman of Drake & Scull Holdings and Mr Stephen Komlosy, managing director of Glasgow Pavillion.

Branon's subsidiaries are Arbarthorpe Oilfields Services, Arrow Construction Equipment and Centralube. The group is also a substantial contractor for the Ministry of Defence.

With plans to expand into energy markets at home and overseas, the directors intend that dividends should be paid as soon as possible. The issue was handled by brokers, Parsons & Co.

Uniroyal plans to sell aging tyre factory

Uniroyal of Detroit says it will sell the aging tyre factory it closed in Detroit last winter to the city government for $5m.

Uniroyal said papers were signed for the takeover and only a few details remained to be worked out. A city economic growth corporation official said Detroit would pay the company $5m in Federal block grant money for the facility.

The city will also pay about $1.2m for relocating the company's research and development facilities. A riverfront park has been proposed for the plant site.

NCR offer studied

NCR corporation says that New York's Attorney General ordered an investigation of whether NCR's offer for applied digital data systems complies with the state's Security Takeover Disclosure Act.

The company filed a registration statement relating to the offer with the Attorney General on September 3.

NCR's offer of $12 and $27 each for applied digital's common and preferred shares respectively, is scheduled to expire on October 1.—Reuter.

Nissho Iwai Corp

The Nissho Iwai Corporation of Japan says it will offer a $40m convertible bond on the Eurodollar market through an underwriting syndicate jointly led by Nomura Europe NV and Baring Brothers, with payment required by October 16.

The bond, maturing on March 31, 1996, will be priced at par and convertible into common stock shares after November 1.

Coupon and conversion price are yet to be fixed, it said.

Fokker Aircraft

The Fokker Aircraft Company of Amsterdam says its results for the 1980 first half showed a profit of Fl4.76m, nearly equal to its earnings for the full fiscal year 1979 of Fl4.77m.

Fokker—which has been operating as an independent aircraft company since its demerger with West Germany's Vereinigte Flugtechnische Werke (VFW) earlier this year—said it expects a higher 1980 profit.

The company's first-half operating profit amounted to Fl7.8m, sales were Fl462.6m.

Fokker said plans for Fl60m in investments had been made in 1980 but actual outlay will be spread over more than a year.

Sales of the F-27 turboprop plane amounted to 16 aircraft in the first half, the same as a year earlier, sales of the F-28 net rose to 13 from two a year earlier.

International

Tokyo stores sales

Department store sales in the Tokyo metropolitan area totalled 109bn yen in August, an 11.4 per cent increase from a year before, the Japanese Department Stores Association has announced.

The pace of year-to-year increase was the second fastest this year, following a 11.7 per cent rise in January.

Apparently reflecting the cool weather this summer, sales of sweaters, suits and blankets were especially good. Clothing for children showed the year's highest gain of 10.4 per cent from a year earlier month. Sales of women's and men's clothes showed healthy gains.

The statistics covered 25 department stores in the Tokyo area.

Kathleen Invsts

Unaudited net profit of A$276,000 (A$359,000) for six months to June 30 is reported by Kathleen Investments of Australia. This is on turnover A$5.02m (4.46m).

Earnings per share were 2.2 cents (3 cents). Interim dividend is 2.5 cents (same).

Uncertainty over Dunlop figures

Last week's results from GKN dispelled any remaining illusions about the depth and severity of the recession. This week's company news will doubtless hammer the point home, as will the CBI's monthly trends inquiry for September, which comes out today.

Economic news includes second quarter provisional figures for gross domestic product and the July new construction orders, both published today.

Tomorrow the provisional September unemployment figures are due and are expected to show a further sharp rise in the number of jobless. New vehicle registrations for August will also be produced tomorrow.

The recession in the motor industry which has had such a severe impact on GKN, will be highlighted again when Dunlop reports on Thursday. Analysts are expecting profits for the first six months to fall within the £10m to £15m range compared with £16m a year ago.

Financing charges are expected to show a sizable increase and most of the pre-interest profits are likely to have originated from Dunlop's overseas interests, with the United Kingdom operations still depressed by losses on tyres.

Forecasts for Dunlop are hedged with a fair degree of uncertainty given the upheavals its tyre manufacturing operations have been going through.

As regards the dividend, most feel that while financial prudence suggests a cut, this is unlikely because of the possibility of a bid from the Malaysian interests.

First half results from Vickers are also due on Thursday. The group is believed to have had a reasonable first quarter but a much tougher second quarter in line with other UK manufacturers.

First half profits are expected to be roughly maintained at about £6.4m. The group's second half will include results from Rolls-Royce Motors and the enlarged group will also have the benefit of the final tranche of compensation for Vickers' share of the nationalized British Aircraft Corporation.

At the time of the merger Vickers forecast that "in the absence of unforeseen circumstances" the year's dividend would be raised by 22 per cent to give a total of 17.1p gross.

First half results from two leading construction groups, Tarmac on Monday and Wimpey on Thursday, will compare with

This week

a very depressed first half of 1979 when both suffered badly from the appalling weather.

Both are expected to produce higher profits. Indeed, City expectations for Tarmac range from £10m to £12m with one forecast stretching to £14m.

This compares with 7.5m pretax in 1979. Tarmac's aggregates business should be showing a sharp recovery because of the more clement weather while margins in the building products division, which refines bitumen for roofing, will have benefited from rising oil prices.

Other plus factors are likely to include loss elimination in local authority housing and in the international construction division.

Dividend forecasts range from an increase of 10 to 20 per cent for the year, with the more cautious suggesting that the interim may only be maintained at 7.14p gross, leaving all the increase until the final.

In common with Tarmac, Wimpey earns the bulk of profits in the second half. At the annual meeting in July the chairman forecast an increase in 1980 profits but warned that 1981 could prove difficult.

Because of Wimpey's conservative policy on taking profits, the first half of 1980 will benefit from housing profits being swept through to this year from 1979. Interim profit estimates range from £10m to £15m compared with £8.4m before tax in 1979 and this will be after a sharp rise in interest charges from £3.6m to perhaps £9m or more.

Expectations over Wimpey's dividend range from an increase of a tenth on 1979's 3.2p gross to no increase at all.

Interim figures from BAT on Wednesday are expected to reveal profits of around £200m before tax. Because of the change in accounting period there are no comparable figures for 1979. However, analysts suggest that the first half of 1979 produced about £210m.

The indications are that BAT's tobacco business will have done reasonably well, benefiting from both volume growth and price rises in the principal market, the United States, which last year accounted for two-fifths of tobacco profits.

The forecast drop in profits is almost entirely attributed to exchange rates. The appreciation of sterling is estimated to have cost BAT £10m to £20m at the pretax level.

Analysts expect the second interim dividend to be increased from 8.57p to perhaps 9.29p gross and the year's total to show an increase of about 10 to 14 per cent.

Results from Fisons today will also be depressed by the strong pound and by higher interest charges which on one estimate may be up from £3.2m to around £6m.

Profits of £7.3m in the first half of 1979 were depressed by about £4m because of strikes and other exceptional factors.

However, no improvement on this figure is expected in the first half of 1980 because of the impact of a strong pound while there are also fears that the scientific equipment division has had a very bad period.

Although the 1979 dividend was not covered by current cost profits, and the same may be true this year, expectations are for a maintained interim dividend of 9.85p gross.

MONDAY: Interims—Beatson Clark, Dickinson Robinson Group, Estates and General Investments, Fisons, Garnar Scotblair, Jersey Electricity, Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies, Tarmac. Finals—Emess Lighting, Estates Property Investment, Kean and Scott, A. and J. Mucklow, Park Place Investments, Telefusion, Tor Investment, James Walker Goldsmith and Silversmith.

TUESDAY: Interims—Aurora Holdings, Bank of Scotland, Coorder, Elbi Industrial, Harris and Sheldon, Kleinwort, Benson, Lonsdale, Limited, John Menzies, Sandhurst Marketing, Sug Furniture, Stewart Wrightson. Finals—A. B. Electronic Products, Amben Day, Barratt Developments, Celtic Haven.

WEDNESDAY: Interims—Alva Investment, Astbury and Madeley Holdings, BAT Industries, Cakebread Robey, Crosse House, W. and J. Glossop, Grattan Warehouses, Hunter Mackay, Manders Holdings, Newarthill, Rowan and Boden, H. Samuel, Sunlight Service Group, George Wills and Sons. Finals—Armstrong Equipment, Ben Bailey Construction, Dowding and Mills (final dividend), Ferry Pickering Group, Marl Estates, Mills and Allen International, Ricardo and Company Engineers.

THURSDAY: Interims—Amalgamated Metal, A. P. Holdings, Barlow Holdings, Berkeley Hambro Property, Brixton Estate, Brown and Jackson, Clarke, Nickolls and Coombs, Dunlop, General and Commercial Investment, General Investors and Trustees, Haden Carriers, Hoskins and Horton, Alexander Howden, Charles Hurst, Percy Lane, Manor National Group Motors, Modern Engineers of Bristol, Wm. Morrison Supermarkets, Office and Electronic Machines, Safe Tilney, Sheffield Twist Drill and Steel, Spear and Jackson International, Tootal, Vickers, Wilkinson, Warburton, George Wimpey. Finals—Galliford Brindley, HTV Group, Hunt and Moscrop (Middleton), Sizewell European Investment.

FRIDAY: Interims—Hall Engineering Holdings, James Neill Holdings, Williams and James (Engineers). Finals—S. Casket Holdings.

Peter Wilson-Smith

Business appointments

New finance director for the CEGB

Mr James Smith has been appointed director of finance by the Central Electricity Generating Board in succession to Mr James Redman who is to join the Electricity Council as financial adviser.

Mr Thomas Montgomery has been made technical director of James Harrison (Contracts).

Mr Roy McDowell, chairman and managing director of George H. Scholes & Company, has been elected the 1980/81 president of the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association. Mr William McCraith, chairman and managing director of Laurence, Scott & Electromotors, has been elected deputy president.

Mr Richard Ford has become a director of TBA Industrial Products, and general manager of the company's belting division. He will succeed Mr Robert Pearce, who is retiring.

Mr T. W. Stobart, managing director of ECC Quarries, has been appointed to the board of English China Clays.

Mr Geoffrey Smith has been made director of public affairs of Haden Carrier and Mr David Tomlinson joins the group on October 1 as corporate development director.

Good first half for Boddingtons

On a turnover up from £10.18m to £11.39m in the first half of this year, pretax profits of Boddingtons' Breweries of Manchester climbed from £1.81m to £2.34m. With earnings per share (after tax, but before disposal of properties) up from an adjusted 3.1p to 3.85p, the interim dividend, gross, is being lifted from 1.66p (adjusted for a scrip issue) to 2p.

But, Mr Ewart Boddington, the chairman, reports that, with unemployment on the increase and costs still rising, it is unlikely that the brewery will be able to maintain the same rate of profit growth for the full year as achieved in the first half.

Nevertheless, the second half has started well.

Chamberlain Phipps has bought the minority holding of 29.3 per cent in its subsidiary, Tivoli Kay Adhesives, for £170,000 (satisfied by 500,000 ordinary shares).

Australian shares face shakeout

From Perth, Western Australia

Australian stock markets, buoyed by rises in the gold price last week and some spectacular profit announcements, still face the likelihood of at least a temporary retreat in the near future.

While the recent boom bears little resemblance to the Poseidon led scramble of 1969, there are signs, according to leading brokers, of a healthy shakeout, perhaps pulling back the price of speculative shares by as much as 25 per cent.

This would not detract from the underlying factors that have prompted the rush into Australian stocks—a vast array of resources, political stability, relatively low inflation and an undervalued dollar.

The results announced recently certainly confirmed the markets' confidence in leaders such as Western Mining Corporation. It reported a profit increase of 133 per cent, from A$24.6m (about £12m) to A$57.4m.

Markets

Western Mining will be remembered as a glamour stock of the Poseidon era, and it was one company that fulfilled the promise of that time. Its nickel operations launched then have been highly successful, but today it also has other interests, ranging from uranium to coal, base metals and gold.

Almost all of the leading Australian shares are relevant to the world's most pressing problems—energy and energy related projects and "disaster commodities" such as gold and diamonds.

Oil and gas exploration is at a high level, yet it is not expected to reach its peak until about 1984. New onshore areas, once thought to be of no value, are yielding gas and oil, though a major discovery is still awaited.

All of this has excited overseas investors, and has pushed the Sydney All Ordinaries Index to an all-time high of 994.62, closing the week at 990.22.

Mining and oil stocks have been the engine for this.

Vast mineral wealth has been a leading factor behind the rush into Australian stocks.

Western Mining Shares, for example, are now about six times their price during the market trough of the early 1970s.

London investors were a strong influence on the 1960 boom, which pushed Poseidon shares from A$1.10 to A$280 in a few months.

The market collapsed early in 1970 and Poseidon led the fall. Now Poseidon is sharing in the mining recovery, announcing last week a trebling of its profits to A$7m. Ironically, nickel played no part. Its gold interests have been responsible for its revival, although the shares are at the relatively sober level of just over A$6.40 (from a low this year of A$1.60).

Overseas buyers are still, as they were a decade ago, the key to the future of the Australian market. The difference is that American investors are now active in the Australian market, contributing a new set of factors to the buying mood.

One observer said it was not hard to interest Americans in Australian stocks. The question was what to buy. Americans appear to be enthralled by the oil prospects and the relatively few wildcat wells that have been drilled in a continent almost the size of the continental United States.

Australian brokers expect another fall in Australian prices, though they do not necessarily see this as any more than an inevitable correction.

Factors that could contribute to the decline include the overvaluing of many prospects not yet proved by small exploration companies, and the results of both the United States and Australian elections (Australia will go to the polls on October 18).

John McIlwraith

Coal is investment leader in energy field

Are we perhaps about to re-enter the glorious age of steam power? For coal, it seems, will be the big energy source of the 21st century and the one commodity able to fill the gap still left despite the use of nuclear power, natural gas and solar energy.

Manchester brokers, Charlton, Seal, Dimmock, in their report *King Coal into the 21st Century*, believe that coal will become the principal fuel for economic growth and the major replacement for oil in the industrialized countries. Of even greater importance will be its use by developing countries, which spend over half of their energy bills on oil imports. Coal may be their only way of obtaining fuel for electric power and development programmes.

The bulk of growth in world coal trade is expected to be provided by four countries—the United States, Australia, South Africa and Canada, who have over 75 per cent of estimated world coal export potential. Major expansion of coal mining is expected in Poland, the USSR, China, India, Indonesia and the United Kingdom. Companies to benefit most will be those of Australia, with British and West German companies supplying machinery to mining concerns.

Most modern coal faces use two main methods—longwall and room and pillar. Thus, of crucial importance for the mining machinery manufacturers will be the method employed. Since longwall appears to be the current trend, the markets for longwall mining equipment will be extremely large. The United Kingdom has traditionally favoured longwall machinery and is thus well prepared for the export markets. The home market must be regarded by financiers as an attractive investment for the future.

Brokers' views

British companies (as seen by the rights issue for £11m by Burnett and Hallamshire, one of the largest mining companies in the country), should provide excellent long-term investments. Derek Crouch, with large coal reserves in the United States and Australia, and L. Ryan, are both considered interesting speculations. Their selection in South Africa is Rand London Corporation which, while enjoying strong profits growth, looks cheaply rated.

Coal now supplies some 26 per cent of world energy supplies. About 40 per cent is used in OECD countries, 55 per cent in centrally planned economies, and 5 per cent in developing countries.

Defying all apparent logic, the United Kingdom equity market is at an all time high, despite the deterioration of the outlook for company profits.

Destocking, suggests Mr Keith Percy of Phillips and Drew, in this month's *Market Review* has been the major cause of weakness for company profits. The last six months have been spent revising profit expectations downwards. Using simple forecasting techniques, he points to a decline in industrial and commercial profits in 1980 at 30 per cent, assuming sterling remains at the present level for the rest of the year.

Estimates indicate that 85 per cent of profit sample is now actual for the quarter, with a year-on-year profits increase of 11 per cent, while nearly one third is actual for second quarter with a decline of 21 per cent. The decline, however, he says, is not forecast for the rest of the year. The results of retailers and non-manufacturing companies reporting to the year ending September, are thought unlikely to be substantially down.

In a period when consumer expenditure fell by 3 per cent, Vickers de Costa point out that the food industry has not declined. Food output has in fact risen by 1 per cent and was buoyant in the second quarter.

They suggest that the defensive strength of Unilever provided support for the sector, rising 10 per cent over three months from 400p. The safety of high yielding shares such as Brooke Bond and RHM are recommended, and although the confectionery industry is not displaying its traditional resilience, Cadbury is still recommended, and a recovery is expected over the next year.

For the more risky speculator, Vickers suggest that the sugar trade provides an active sector with rising prices. Tate & Lyle's full year results may be better than expected.

Margareta Pagano

Briefly

Scottish Provident Institution: General manager, Mr Joe Machray, and currently chairman of the Associated Scottish Life Offices, told Scottish Regional Conference of the BIBA that excessive consumerism had to be paid for by the consumer.

British Electric Traction: Sir John Spencer Wills, chairman, says in view of economic climate and fluctuating business he is unable to forecast for year. This, he says, does not imply pessimism, but that such a forecast would be of no use to shareholders. The group is in good shape and equipped to deal with the future, he said.

Meat Trade Suppliers: the chairman, Mr W. Austin, says that prospects for current year are impossible to assess. Group, which to year ended April 5, returned pretax profits of £483,256 on a turnover down at £8.9m, will take every opportunity to pursue profitable trading, he said.

Unitech: Chairman, Mr Peter Gurry, said at the AGM: "Since the publication of the annual report we have had one more month's trading. This has been in line with the statement I made in the annual report."

Associated Communications Corporation: ACC announces the reorganization of its records and tapes division. Pye Records will be renamed Precision Records and Tapes (PRT). The principal place of business of PRT will be moved from ACC House to the Mitcham site, but the existing recording studios at ACC House will remain and a new promotions office in the West End will be opened. The business of audio Visual Recordings will continue to be developed by Precision Video which will become a subsidiary of ITC Entertainment. Pye Records (Holdings) will be renamed PRT (Holding).

Botoff Textile Mill: The I.T.C. Pension Trust hold 825,000 ordinary shares jointly with the I.T.C. Pension Investment.

Central Manufacturing and Trading Group: Caparo Group on September 11 bought 50,000 shares, making its holding 1,695,000 shares.

Evans and Owen: Chairman, Mr M. Bennett, states in the annual report that due to the general difficulties in the retail trade the company has decided for the time being not to continue wholesaling. Board intends to spend the next year consolidating the present organization, strengthening areas where improvements can be made so that the company will be in a position to take full advantage of any upturn in market conditions that may arise.

BOC Yewlands End: Heads of agreement have been signed by Yewlands Engineering Co, Hainault, Essex and BOC for the former to buy the light engineering unit of BOC's welding division, Edmonton, North London. The deal is worth about £750,000.

Confusion over shares is settled

The confusion over the sale of 8 million preference shares by Mr Dermot Ryan of the RT group appears to have been finally solved. And Simon and Coates, the London brokers who made the cash offer for the Dublin-based group, have accepted the chairman's reason for not wanting to sell.

Confusion arose when Mr Ryan said at the company's annual general meeting last week that he had changed his mind about selling his controlling interest in the company to Mr James Dyer, the bidder.

Mr Ryan sold his shares, valued at £110,000 earlier this year to Simon and Coates which is acting for a number of clients.

Under the takeover rules Simon and Coates was obliged to make a comparable offer for the outstanding shares which did at 54p. Its voting control is now 79.42 per cent.

Then Mr Ryan made it apparent that he wanted to buy back into the company.

Simon and Coates now accept that Mr Ryan acted for "good reasons" and his concern not to forgo his responsibilities when the trading situation had deteriorated was recognized at a meeting on Thursday.

At the meeting the two parties agreed to proceed with the original agreement of July 11. Simon and Coates and Mr James Dyer, the bidder, said they wished to make it clear that, in the present economic climate, with high interest rates and sterling strength, the current trading was not surprising.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	16%
Barclays	16%
BCCI	16%
Consolidated Crdts	16%
C. Hoare & Co	*16%
Lloyds Bank	16%
Midland Bank	16%
Nat Westminster	16%
Rossminster	16%
TSB	16%
Williams and Glyn's	16%

* 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 14%, up to £50,000 14¼%, over £50,000 15%.

The Over-the-Counter Market

Capitalisation £000's	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge on week	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
2,891	Airsprung Group	50	−1	6.7	13.4	3.0
550	Armitage & Rhodes	22	—	1.4	6.4	9.1
10,570	Bardon Hill	173	+3	9.7	5.6	6.5
740	County Cars Pref	74	—	15.3	20.7	*—
6,696	Deborah Ord	47	—	5.5	5.7	4.8
4,574	Frank Horsell	122	−1	7.9	6.5	3.8
9,535	Frederick Parker	66	—	11.0	16.7	3.0
1,767	George Blair	83	−1	3.1	3.7	—
2,025	Jackson Group	81	−2	6.0	7.4	3.1
16,700	James Burrough	123	+3	7.9	6.5	*9.9
3,111	Robert Jenkins	305	—	31.3	10.2	—
3,385	Torday Limited	226	−1	15.1	6.9	3.7
2,404	Twinlock Ord	111	−13	—	—	—
2,266	Twinlock 15% ULS	83	−1	15.0	18.1	*—
6,866	Unilock Holdings	45	−1	3.0	6.6	6.9
12,633	Walter Alexander	100	−1	5.7	5.7	5.5
5,671	W. S. Yeates	248	−2	12.1	5.0	4.0

* Accounts not prepared under provision of SSAP15.

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MARKET REPORTS

Iran-Iraq causes uncertainty

Freight

Increasing tension between Iran and Iraq and the outcome of last week's Opec meeting in Vienna combined to bring renewed uncertainty to the tanker market.

The former's border dispute is centred in the area of oil-fields and export terminals so supplies may well be endangered if fighting is prolonged. As to Opec, the immediate 10 per cent cut in Saudi Arabian supplies and its $2 a barrel price rise helped cut demand for September tonnage dead.

However these events had been partly anticipated by the market and had led to a spate of fixing prior to the Opec meeting. The minimal volume of inquiry last week meant that rates remained static with the going level for the vlcc west-bound standing at worldscale 45 while eastern bookings realized an extra five points.

Of the five vlccs fixed during the last seven days (excluding one with a part cargo) two were for Europe/Scandinavia and the others to Japan/Taiwan. Additionally Texaco took a 410,000 tonner for a trip to the UK/Continent at worldscale 31.75 (ten knots)/worldscale 35.75 (14 knots) plus a minimum of 60 days' storage (with options on a further 90 days) at $18,000 a day.

With little or no inquiry to speak of pending at the end of last week, and a sizable volume of tonnage available for cargos, the immediate market prospects look bleak and there is a real likelihood that rates may slip back to unprofitable levels quite soon.

West African loadings stood out as the only part of the market to experience a reasonable amount of inquiry. Rates here responded to this demand by rising several points. Both the Caribbean and Mediterranean sectors suffered from a fall in inquiry and rates eased back accordingly.

In the dry cargo market, the leading talking point, was the rumoured purchase by Russia of a large volume of sugar estimated to be at least a million tonnes, but possibly as high as 1.6 million tonnes.

Because of secret transactions accurate figures are impossible to obtain, but the reasons for this heavy buying are apparently delays in the Soviet domestic crop and a poor Cuban harvest. Usually Russia does not start buying in the world market until November/December.

Generally market performance has been a little sluggish and new business slow to develop. Grain fixing was steady with further business done from the United States North Pacific to Morocco at $35.50—8/36 for a number of 20,000 tonne shipments.

David Robinson

Issue underwriters shorten maturities

Euromarkets

Underwriters are trying to coax investors into the international bond market by offering them, unusually short maturities, writes AP Dow-Jones.

A syndicate led by Morgan Stanley International scheduled a $50m three-year note offering of Swedish Export Credit Corporation notes, priced at 99.75 bearing 12 per cent annually to yield 12.10 per cent at maturity. The export credit agency is 50 per cent owned by the Swedish government. The remaining equity is held by 12 Swedish banks.

Meanwhile, Morgan Guaranty, the investment banking subsidiary of Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. announced a $50m, three-year note offering for Transamerica Financial Corporation NV, a subsidiary of Transamerica Financial Corporation, the United States consumer credit company. The notes have been priced at 99.75 bearing 12.375 per cent to yield 12.48 per cent.

Underwriting sources say these two issues are designed for investors who dislike the recent increase in the Eurobond market's volatility. Daily swings of up to two points among long-dated issues have become common because of uncertainties about the evolution of short-term interest rates and other key economic variables.

However, short-dated issues, like those of Swedish Export and Transamerica, provide better prospects of stability. Prices of these issues do not have to change very much to adjust the return to fairly large changes in market yields. The opposite is true for long-dated issues.

Over the past week, prices of dollar bonds in the 10 to 15-year range fell by 1.5 to 2.0 points while notes up to five years dropped by around 0.63 points on average. Yields across the maturity range were pushed up by about 20 basis points.

One victim of the week's sell-off was a $100m seven-year note offering of GMAC Overseas Finance NV, a subsidiary of General Motors Acceptance Corporation. After being priced at 99.75, bearing 12.0 per cent to yield 12.05 per cent, the notes fell to 97 offered, which pushed the yield up to 12.67 per cent.

Arguing that the United States recession is not over and that the rate of United States inflation will subside, Phillips and Drew said it was maintaining its forecast that 10-year dollar bond yields would fall to 10 to 10.5 per cent from present levels of 12.5-13.0 per cent. That would produce a price rise of nine to 10 points.

Rival traders will be studying the magic of Guinness Mahon

Commodities

Guinness Mahon's remarkable increase in profits from commodity trading has prompted some pundits to pull out their calculators and ask whether rivals such as S. & W. Berisford and Gill & Duffus might work the same magic. In so doing the peculiar complexities of analysing commodity trading profits emerge.

The £13.2m earned by Guinness, an increase of £10.7m, in the year to the end of April will certainly be a hard act to follow. Although the company is saying little about how the profits were made, it is clear that almost everything must have gone right: the peak period of prices, volatility and trading in silver and rubber fell within this period, while the bear markets in cocoa and coffee had not yet fully struck.

In saying this, one should not belittle the skill of Guinness' traders, on whom all commodity businesses depend. Nor was it all plain sailing. Interest rates were at their peak, and there can be few markets in which it is more difficult to make money than silver.

Nevertheless, the chances of so happy a concentration of events recurring is remote. There is, for a start, the question of financial years. S. & W. Berisford, whose profits record it notable, rising from £2.4m pretax at the beginning of the decade to £32.2m last year, runs to the end of September.

Gill & Duffus closes its books on December 31. Another candidate, Tate & Lyle, also completes its year on September 30. In 1979 Tate made an operating profit of £16m from trading in sugar and molasses, a vital contribution to the total of £30.1m.

Although these three will benefit from some of the same heavy business Guinness, must have done in the first quarter of the year, they have also been grappling with a subsequent sustained collapse in cocoa and coffee, two of their biggest sectors.

At the beginning of 1980 January robustas was about £1,550 a tonne; September coffee closed at £1,017.50 on Friday. Over the same period three month cocoa has slumped by around £400 a tonne to £1,020.50.

Sugar, the other main commodity handled by Berisford and Tate, has gone the other way. Prices of raws have shot up by around £200 a tonne to £372 at the end of last week.

Absolute price levels, however, are only a fraction of the story. Many commodity traders, in fact, tend to dismiss them as almost irrelevant. Some argue that when interest rates are high the cost of trading in expensive commodities can be burdensome. And the burden is most likely to fall on individuals, for whom even a mere 10 per cent margin can become too large.

More important to commodity traders than prices as such is their volatility. Since profits are made on the difference between prices from day to day, the bigger and faster the fluctuations the better.

If the trader jumps the right way in such circumstances the gains are huge; if he misreads the market, the losses are correspondingly sizable.

Nevertheless, important as volatility may be it is easier to make big profits from a rising market than a falling one. A falling market can be profitable, especially if it is falling fast, but there is a point at which lower prices must reduce profit volumes. This is the problem Berisford and Gill have faced.

Berisford may have fared the better of the two. At the half-way stage Berisford's profits were only a little ahead, at £16.8m. Since then, however, the strength of sugar should have helped, both in the terminal markets and the United Kingdom distribution activities, despite the low margins on distribution. The company also scored a notable coup in handling two substantial cocoa sales totalling 130,000 tonnes for the Ivory Coast.

Looking further ahead, Berisford must be hoping to take advantage of the extra cocoa coming onto the market. Some estimates suggest cocoa production will double over the next five years to approximately 3 million tonnes. The effect on prices is impossi[ble] to gauge, through a boom see[ms] remote. But the material [will] have to be processed and tr[ansported], just as before.

All in all, Berisford co[uld] make pretax profits of ab[out] £37m this year, thereby ma[in]taining its record. The comp[any] itself has warned that afte[r a] decade of rapid growth, fur[ther] expansion will not be as f[ast].

Gill & Duffus will proba[bly] hold its own, after mak[ing] £20.6m last year, a fall [of] £2.1m. Cocoa possibly accou[nts] for less than 50 per cent of bu[si]ness in normal times, but si[nce] these are abnormal times, [its] proportion at the moment co[uld] be rather less. Nevertheless, [the] company is strong in cocoa p[ro]cessing, and margins may h[old] up despite lower volumes.

In the longer-term, chemic[als] which Gill has been trading [for] less than three years, ought [to] be a growth area. At [the] moment they are little short [of] disastrous.

Guinness Peat's res[ults] showed a collapse in chemi[cal] profits from £1.07m to £309,[000]. But even though profits m[ay] not be exciting in 1980, ther[e is] no reason to believe that Be[risf]ord and Gill cannot continue [to] expand. That is the justificat[ion] for viewing the shares favo[ur]ably and not making m[uch] of leading comparisons with Gu[in]ness Mahon's freak year.

● From softs to hards and i[n] another falling market. Alum[in]ium's importance as a mar[ket] and industrial indicator has be[en] overlooked, but changes in [the] last few years are beginning [to] impress upon people that it [is] as worthy of attention [as] copper.

Since March, the LME th[ree] months price has fallen abo[ut] £250 a tonne. The movement [re]flects accurately the decline [in] industrial demand.

Volume traded on wor[ld] markets is about 15 million t[on]nes a year compared with [a] million for copper. The me[tal] is made everywhere, and not [all] ways to high standards. E[ven] since the LME aluminium co[n]tract specifies only 95.5 per ce[nt] purity, producers, consume[rs] and speculators alike unlo[ad] this substandard material [on] London.

Michael Pre[...]

Commodities corresponde[nt]

Weekly list of fixed interest stocks

	Latest price	Prev price
Alb & Wilson 7½ Deb '83-90	67½	67½
All Ply Hldgs 10½ Ln '92-97	87	85
All Brew 6½ Deb '87-92	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do 7½ Ln '93-98	60½	57½
Ass Bis 7½ Deb '90-95	60½	63½
AB Food 9½ Ln '87-2002	[illegible]	[illegible]
Assoc Flec 6 '78-83	82½	82½
Do 6½ Deb '80-95	67½	62
BICC 7½ Deb '90-95	61	62½
BLMC 6 '98-2003	33	33½
Do 7½ Ln '87-92	43	43½
Do 8 Ln '98-2003	43	43½
BOC Int 3½ Deb '81-86	85	80
Do 9 Tonnage 1984	80½	80½
Bank of Ireland 7 Ln '86-91	56½	54½
Barclays Bank 8½ '90-95	60½	58½
Barclays Int 7½ '86-91	60½	60½
Bass Ltd 3½ Ln '78-83	40½	40½
Do 7½ '92-97	61½	60½
Do 8½ Deb '87-92	65½	65½
Beecham 6½ '78-83	82	80
Do 8½ Ln '84-94	66½	66½
Bibby 10½ Deb '94-99	73½	72½
Blend Qual 7½ Ln '87-92	57½	57½
Blue Circle 7 Deb '88-93	62½	62½
Do 9 '92-97	71½	70
Boots 6 Ln '78-83	79	79
Do 7½ '88-93	70	70
Bridon 8 Deb '88-93	67½	67
Brit Am Tob 7 Ln '82-87	86	86½
Brit Shoes 7 '80-82	89	89
Brooke Bond 5½ Ln 2003-08	40½	37½
Burmah Oil 6½ Ln '74-81	90½	90½
Do 8½ Ln '91-96	65	63½
Do 7½ Ln '81-86	78	75
Burton Gp 9½ Ln '98-2003	66½	66½
Cadbury Schweppes 8½ Ln '94-2004	62½	62½
Coats Patons 4½ Ln 2002-07	33½	34½
Do 7½ Ln '90-95	58½	58½
Courage 6½ Ln 2004-09	47½	47½
Do 8 2nd Deb '89-94	63½	63½
Courtaulds 6½ '94-96	50½	51
Do 7½ '92-97	70½	71½
Do 7½ Deb '88-93	63½	63½
Debenhams 8½ 2nd Deb	60½	60½
Do 6½ Ln '86-91	54½	54½
Do 7½ Ln 2003-07	58	57

	Latest price	Prev price
Distillers 7½ Ln '88-93	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dunlop 6½ Deb '85-90	66½	66½
Do 7½ Ln '87-92	63	63
Lndn & Clec 6 Deb '81-86	83	82½
Fisons 6½ Deb '77-82	98½	98½
Do 8½ Deb '83-88	[illegible]	[illegible]
GEC 7½ '87-92	61½	61
Do 7½ '88-93	60½	61½
Gen Acc 7½ '93-97	60½	60½
Glaxo 7½ '84-91	61½	61½
Glynwed 10½ Ln '94-99	73	73½
Grand Met 10 '91-96	71½	72½
GHS 3½ Ln	37	37
Do 7½ Ln '83-88	70½	70½
Do 8½ Ln '93-98	64½	62½
Hawker Sid 7½ Deb '87-92	60½	62½
ICI 8½ '93-2001	61½	63½
Do 7½ Ln '86-91	60½	63½
Do 9 '98-03	67	66½
Imperial Gp 4 Ln '75-80	90	90
Do 7½ '90-95	55½	57½
Initial Services 8 Ln '88-93	62½	63½
Int Stores 7½ Ln 2003-08	60	60
Laporte 10½ Deb '94-99	75½	75½
Land Securities 8½ '92-97	65½	65½
Lewis's Inv Tst 6½ 2nd '83-90	62½	63½
Lucas Ind 7½ '85-88	66½	66½
MEPC 8 Ln 2000-05	57½	57½
Metal Box 7½ '92-97	81½	80½
Midland Bank 10½ Ln '93-98	84	84½
Nat West Bank 9 Ln 1994	72½	71½
Rank Hovis 6½ Ln '76-81	75	73
Do 6½ Ln '83-88	66	66
Reckitt & Col 6½ Deb '85-90	65½	65½
Reed Int 7½ Deb '90-95	58	60½
Rungy Port Cem 6 '92-97	49	49
Sainsbury (J.) 7½ Deb '87-92	63½	63½
Scot Newcastle 8½ Deb	81½	81½
Do 7½ Deb '89-94	67	67
Slough Est 7½ Deb '85-90	71½	71½
Smith (W. H.) 5½ Ln	37½	37½
Spillers 7 Deb '78-83	85	85
Do 7½ Deb '84-89	67	67
Tate & Lyle 7½ Deb '89-94	64½	64½

	Latest price	Prev price
Thorn 9½ Ln 1993	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do 7½ '87-92	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tilling (T.) 9½ Ln 89-94	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tootal 7½ Deb '93-98	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do 7½ '85-90	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tronson Ltd 7½ Deb '86-93	[illegible]	[illegible]
Turner & Newall 8 Ln '87-92	[illegible]	[illegible]
UDS 7½ Deb '85-90	67½	67½
Do 10½ Deb '94-99	83½	83½
Unilever 6½ Deb '91-96	78	78½
Do 7½ Deb '91-96	80	81½
Unilever 6½ Deb '95-98	77	77½
Watney 7½ Ln '88-93	70½	70½
Do 8 Ln '94-99	62½	62½
Whitbread 7½ Ln '88-93	66½	65½
Do 7½ Ln '95-2000	53½	53½
CONVERTIBLES		
Adwest 10 '93-2000	310	310
AB Foods 7½ '93-2004	81½	80½
BLMC 7½ '92-97	17½	17½
RPB 7½ '93-98	34	34
Beecham 3 '84-94	227½	227½
Brit Petrol 6 '76-80	77½	77½
Guest Keen 6½ '91-96	77	77
Imperial Gp 3 '78-80	77½	77½
Do 4 '85-90	177	177
MEPC 5 '89-94	187	190*
Midland Bank 7½ '83-93	71½	71
Do 9 '98-03	77½	77½
Romney Tst 4½ '73-98	101½	101½
Temple Bar 6 '87-91	82	82

*Ex dividend

More share prices

The following will be added to the London and Regional Share Price List tomorrow and will be published daily in Business News.

Commercial & Industrial
St Georges Laundry.

Oils
Berkeley Exploration.
Charterhouse Petroleum.

Property
Anglo Metropolitan Holdings.

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

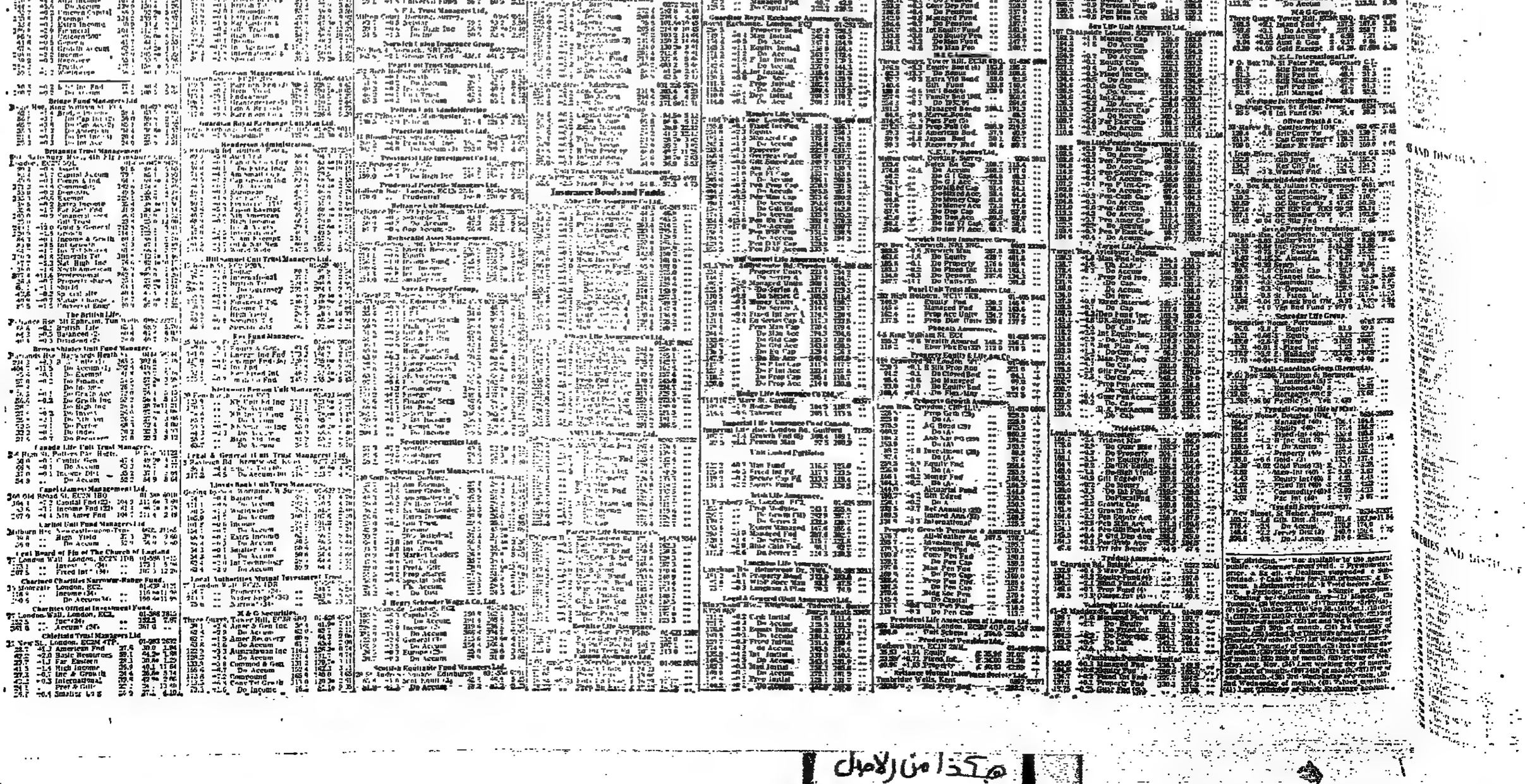
STRAIGHT DEBT	Price	YTM
Sears 9 1982	[illegible]	12.05
Alcoa 8 1985	[illegible]	12.64
FEC 7½ 1982	[illegible]	12.45
Sweden 7½ 1983	[illegible]	12.75
BCE 8½ 1985	[illegible]	11.99
Norway 8½ 1985	[illegible]	12.21
ICI 11 1987	[illegible]	11.97
New Zealand 8½ 1985	[illegible]	11.72
Canadair 9½ 1985	[illegible]	12.23
FIB 8 1982	[illegible]	12.35
Sweden 7½ Ubd	[illegible]	12.15
GMAC 11 1987	[illegible]	12.67
EIB Aquitaine 8½ 1985	[illegible]	12.01
Rentalcorp 11½ 1985	[illegible]	12.12
Ford 9½ 1985	[illegible]	11.79
EDC 8½ 1986	[illegible]	12.38
Australia 8½ 1986	[illegible]	11.81
Midland 8½ 1986	[illegible]	11.94
ICI 8½ 1987	[illegible]	12.00
Fisscoringham 11½ 1987	[illegible]	12.37
World Bank 10½ 1987	[illegible]	12.37
Brazil 11½ 1988	[illegible]	11.11
EDF 10 1988	[illegible]	12.03
Shell 8½ 1988	[illegible]	12.30
Alpharuel 8 Bunch 11½ 1989	[illegible]	12.15
Unilever 7½ 1990	[illegible]	12.32
Ind Bicomia 11 1990	[illegible]	11.99
Nord Hydro 9 1991	[illegible]	12.55
Hydro Quebec 11½ 1993	[illegible]	13.01
Australia 8½ 1995	[illegible]	12.06
Barclays 8½ 1995	[illegible]	12.41
Hudson Bay 10 1995	[illegible]	12.04
Dow Chemical 9½ 1995	[illegible]	12.63
EEC 11 1995	[illegible]	12.88
ECSC 8½ 1997	[illegible]	12.90

CONVERTIBLE BONDS	Price	Conv Prem
Alcoa 5½ 1996	138	9.07
Beatrice 4½ 1992	[illegible]	7.14
Eastman Kodak 3½ 1988	81½	24.23
Easco 4½ 1994	127½	−6.34
Ford 5 1988	88½	31.71
Galveston-Houston 8½ 1994	170	30.07
INA 8 1997	114½	11.77
Lear Petroleum 8 1989	154½	7.03
J. P. Morgan 4½ 1987	85	1.81
Sperry Rand 4½ 1988	160	−3.43
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	97	56.16
Xerox 5 1988	87½	67.53
DMK ISSUES	**Price**	**YTM**
EIB 9½ 1986	101.5	8.25
OKB 9 1987	102.5	8.50
World Bank 9 1988	102.5	8.54
Nobo 8 1988	98½	8.00
OKB 9½ 1993	99.25	9.55
FLOATING RATE	**Price**	**Current Yield**
American Express 1982	100½	16.75
BNP 1985	99½	9.71
Bank of Tokyo 1984	100½	11.41
UBS 1986	99½	10.75
Offshore Mining 1986	98½	9.81
Midland 1987	99½	11.88
Credit National 1988	99½	9.77
GTE 1988	98½	9.92
Barclays 1990	99½	9.77
BNP 1994	99½	13.18
Midland 1992	99½	11.03
Chase Manhattan 1995	99½	10.17
Nat West 1996	99½	10.88
SNCF 1997	99½	10.64

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

FT Index change on week 494.4 −14.5 (2.8%)



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Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 15. Dealings End, Sept 26. § Contango Day, Sept 29. Settlement Day, Oct 6

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock			Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
SHORTS						
Exch	13%	1980	99		13.060	15.142
Treas	11½%	1981	99¼		11.601	14.146
Treas	3½%	1979-81	96¾		3.649	13.695
Treas	9½%	1981	98⅝		9.630	13.514
Exch	8¼%	1981	96⅞		8.555	13.575
Exch	9½%	1981	96¾		9.800	13.330
Exch	3%	1981	93¾		3.204	10.529
Exch	12¾%	1981	99¾		12.798	13.017
Treas	8½%	1980-82	95		8.942	12.642
Treas	3%	1982	91¾		3.274	9.828
Treas	14%	1982	101		13.748	12.648
Treas	8¼%	1982	92¾		8.877	12.781
Exch	9¼%	1982	93¾		9.868	13.011
Exch	8¾%	1982	92¾		9.435	12.458
Exch	3%	1983	83¾		3.583	10.820
Treas	12%	1983	98		12.247	12.972
Treas	9½%	1983	93		10.003	12.464
Exch	13½%	1983	100		13.398	13.163
Exch	10½%	1983	92½		10.809	12.889
Exch	14%	1984	102		13.641	13.044
Fund	5½%	1982-84	84		6.520	11.312
Exch	11¼%	1984	95¾		11.797	12.943
Exch	3%	1984	76		3.927	10.845
Treas	12%	1984	97¾		12.262	12.690
Treas	3%	1985	71¼		4.212	11.056
Treas	15%	1985	107		13.987	12.663

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
33.1m	AAH	164		12.1	7.4	6.0
5,147,000	AB Electronic	188	-8	10.7	5.7	..
30.8m	AGB Research	231	-7	8.6	3.9	18.1
1,980,000	AI Ind Prod.	20	..	..	..	..
53.1m	APV Hldgs	210	-3	12.0	5.7	5.0
15.6m	Aaronson Bros	59	..	6.0	10.2	5.3
34.3m	Acrow	56	-1	4.3	7.7	16.0
24.5m	Do A	40	-4	4.3	10.7	11.5
37.8m	Adwest Group	176	-4	9.9	5.6	6.9
23.8m	Aeron't & Gen	588	+18	5.0	0.9	15.4
898,000	Aero Needles	21	..	..	..	3.4
2,487,000	Airfix Ind	9½	..	5.2	55.1	1.5
——	Akzo	478	-5	54.2	11.5	..
32.0m	Alcan Alum UK	70	-4	9.4	13.5	6.2
6,640,000	Do 10½%	£83	-1	1050	12.7	..
1,339,000	Allen W. G.	36	+2	4.4	12.3	2.7
54.3m	Allied Colloids	137	-5	3.6	2.9	19.4
5,193,000	Allied Plant	33½	..	2.3	6.7	4.0
5,392,000	Alpine Hldgs	48	-8	7.5	15.6	3.2
14.3m	Amal Metal	229	-4	20.0	8.7	6.3
6,998,000	Amal Power	51	-4	8.8	17.3	11.3
4,243,000	Amber Day	27½	+1½	4.1	14.9	2.6
912,000	Amber Ind Hldgs	35	-2	7.1	20.4	4.8
9,138,000	Amstrad	98	-2	6.7	6.8	7.5
2,448,000	Anchor Chem.	86	..	7.6	8.8	4.6

TEA

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
2,309,000	Assam Frontier	225	-14	4.8	2.0	..
6,808,000	Assam Inv	149	h -1	10.0	6.7	..
11.4m	Camellia Inv	450	..	5.7	1.3	..
14.0m	McLeod Russel	345	..	21.4	6.2	..
3,119,000	Moran	320	..	21.4t	6.6	..
944,000	Surmah Valley	119	..	3.2	2.7	..
35.9m	Warren Plant	188	-2	14.3	7.6	..

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
2,158,000	Calcutta Elec	30	+2	7.1	23.5	..
1,163,000	Essex Wtr 3.5%	32½	..	350	10.8	..
5,194,000	Gt Nthn Tele	£7	..	166	23.8	..
358.4m	Imp Cont Gas	276	-1	10.0	3.6	13.0
982,000	Milford Docks	126	-2	9.8	7.8	21.4
2,455,000	Nesco Inv	115	..	3.0	7.5	..
——	Sunderlnd Wtr	£32½	+1½	350	10.8	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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PERSONAL CHOICE

...gee plays the evil Uncle Ebenezer in Kidnapped, ...man returns tonight in a new series of his popular ...mes (BBC 1, 10.05 pm) his principal guest is ...r John Travolta who discusses with Barry ...downs of his career which, as far as I can ...egan with an up and has continued down ever since ...his latest film, Urban Cowboy, can arrest this ...nd and he discusses the reasons why. Also in ...me Mr Norman will be reviewing Xanadu the latest ...ing Gene Kelly, the legendary hoofer, which ...Travolta's former co-star Olivia Newton John. ...eresting to hear what our host thinks of this film ...distinguished film critic of our newspaper, ...son, said on Friday that it was "quite daft and ...We will also catch a glimpse of ...treats, a London cinema pub and the usual quiz ...more difficult than our crossword.

...ese, the lovely lady of Blue Peter (BBC 1, 5.10) ...looks I think are not fully appreciated by ...es the helm of Lionheart, our beaten challenger ...rica's Cup, and learns all about the running of this ...vessel from the erstwhile captain, John Oakey. ...d during her (Lionheart's) shakedown trials in ...the earlier part of this year and I'm sure that if ...een in the crew we and not the Australians would ...t out in Newport. Also featured in the programme is ...umpamee trainer and leading zoologist ...m who is responsible for those wonderful chimps ...e Brooke Bond tea. She has some of her charges ...he studio as she explains how much training is ...he making of those wonderful commercials.

...ightly making a splash on their 25th birthday and ...an be privy to some of the celebrations. We go to ...or House in London (ITV, 12.30), where guests have ...commemorate the past quarter century. Among the ...g memories of the past years are David Frost, ...er, Noele Gordon and Pat Phoenix. Although the hour ...ce the recollections will be well worth the wait.

...Childhood (Radio 4, 11.05 am) is about ...Webb who has gathered during his travels ...world a unique collection of children's singing games. ...ilable to listen this morning this pleasant programme ...ated on Saturday at 10.15 pm.

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

6.40 am Open University: Stagflation. 7.05 The Reasonable Militant. 7.30 The Arab/Israeli Dispute. Closedown at 7.55.

9.00 For Schools, Colleges: A Good Job with Prospects. 9.30 The Human Machine. 9.52 Communicate! Journalists. 10.15 Sounds in the Country. 10.38 Trigonometry. 11.00 The Changing Seasons: Summer. 11.25 You and Me (not Schools). 11.40 Higher Education—1: Choices.

12.45 News.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Marion Foster and Bob Hall present the programme from Hong Kong. 1.45 Heads and Tails. A look at the natural and unnatural plumage of various animals and birds.

2.01 For Schools, Colleges: Words and Pictures: 2.18 Location Britain: Peterhead. 2.40 Work Experience at School. Closedown at 3.00.

3.15 Songs of Praise from Kendal Parish Church introduced by Gerry Moore (shown yesterday at 6.40 pm). 3.55 Play School (shown earlier on BBC 2 at 11.00).

4.20 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon.

4.25 Seeing Stars. Terry Wogan, a Leo among the limited, introduces a new series that takes a light-hearted look at star signs. Today Terry looks at the sign of Cancer. 4.40 Lassie. More adventures of the ageless collie. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Blue Peter. Sarah Greene sails the Lionheart, Britain's latest unsuccessful challenger for the America's Cup and in the studio we meet top zoologist Molly Badham (See Personal Choice).

5.40 News read by John Edmunds.

5.55 Nationwide including the new regular weekly feature, Watchdog.

6.55 Angels. *Tonight the news of the closure of St Angela's is to be brought forward by three months causes a crisis.* 7.20 Star Trek. Captain Kirk and the starship Enterprise go to a planet that has not been visited for a hundred years.

8.10 Panorama. In the first of a series of occasional debates David Dimbleby chairs a live discussion on the subject: Should Britain Abandon its Nuclear Weapons? Leading the ayes is E. P. Thompson, the nays Lord Chalfont.

9.00 News read by Richard Baker.

9.25 Film: The French Connection (1971) starring Gene Hackman. *One of the first and best of a number of films dealing with the breaking-up of a drugs ring. The now statutory car chase is a classic.*

11.05 Film 80. Barry Norman opens this first of a new series with an interview with John Travolta, takes a look at the new Gene Kelly musical, Xanadu, and the latest film starring Al Pacino (see Personal Choice).

11.37 Step This Way. The second of five programmes demoting the delights of dancing. This evening *we learn more movements for the disco.*

12.05 am Weather.

Regions

BBC 1 VARIATIONS: Cymru/Wales: 1.45 pm-2.00 Trefnu'r Diwrnod Heddiw. 12.05 am News and weather. Scotland: 11.50 am-12.20 For Schools (only on all sites): Bigger and Smaller. 11.20-11.35 Interval. 12.40 pm-12.45 News. 5.55-6.20 Reporting Scotland. 12.05 am News and weather. Northern Ireland: 3.53 and 5.58 Northern Ireland News. 5.55-6.20 Scene Around Six. 11.27-12.07 am Professional Boxing: Heavyweight Champion of Great Britain—Final Eliminator, Gordon Ferris (Lonsdale) v Tommy Kiddy (Brighton). 12.07-12.32 Sign This Way. 12.32 news and weather. England: 12.10 am Close.

BBC 2

6.40 am Open University: Loudspeaker Telephone. 7.05 Instrumentation in Train Development. 7.30 Maths—Fourier Transforms. 7.55 Closedown.

11.00 Play School. Carol Chell and Michael Mann are the presenters and the story is John Sale's "I'd like to try some Wimberry pie". Closedown at 11.25.

4.50 pm Open University: Education Technologique. 5.15 Chardin and the Female Image. 5.40 Palladio: Three Villas. 6.05 M101/25 Modelling. Pollution. 6.30 Solar Cells.

6.55 Petrushka. Puppets come to life to the music of Stravinsky.

7.15 News including sub-titles for the hard-of-hearing.

7.25 Living on the Land: A Place for a million birds. A look at a stretch of land in Morecambe Bay cared for by two men whose task it is to keep the area attractive to birds. They are rewarded by the sight of some 170 different species that visit the place in the course of the year. The narrator is Deryck Guyler.

7.50 Wainwrights' Law. A dramatized look at the rights of citizens through the eyes of the Wainwright family.

8.15 Shirley Bassey. Gutsy songs sung by the girl who seems to have taken limb lessons from Magnus Pyke. She has as her guests Freddy Cole, Paul Daniels and Tony Monopoly.

9.00 Rhoda. My favourite New Yorker forgets she has promised to lend her flat for Brenda's birthday party and that leads to a family row.

9.25 Horizon. Little Boxes. Students and researchers from the Royal College of Art together with three international industrial designers discuss the effect the silicon chip is having on the basic tenets of domestic design.

10.15 The Brandenburg Concertos. André Bernard plays the trumpet part in the second of six finale programmes featuring the complete cycle of Brandenburg Concertos. Raymond Leppard conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in Bach's Concerto No 2, in F.

10.30 Cartoon Two.

10.45 Newsnight. Up-to-the-minute news from around the world.

11.30 Heute Direkt. A new series designed to help us to understand the German language and the German view of world events. The programme is presented by Corinna Schnabel. Ends 12.00.

THAMES

9.30 am For Schools: High and Low—concepts of direction and position. 9.47 The geography and history of London. 10.06 Involvement in spoken and written language. 10.23 Starting Out. Preparing students for the adult world. 10.40 French for first-year students. 11.05 Hearing-impaired children learn what voting means. 11.23 Adventures in Venice—a film to stimulate creative work. 11.39 How we used to live.

12.00 We'll Tell You a Story with Christopher Lillicrap and guest Una Stubbs.

12.10 pm Rainbow. 12.30 Public Office. A look at people who have attained high public office. This afternoon we go to Washington to meet the British Ambassador to the United States, Sir Nicholas Henderson. The reporter is Vivian White (r).

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News.

1.30 Crown Court. A publisher and a journalist are accused of libel (r).

2.00 Against the Wind. Another episode about life in the early days of Australia.

2.30 Film: "Last for Gold" (1949) starring Glenn Ford and Ida Lupino. An excellent film about man's greed. Glenn Ford plays an emigree who discovers a rich gold mine and is determined to hold on to it *by any means possible.*

4.15 Kidnapped. Episode 4 of the Robert Louis Stephenson classic starring David McCallum and Patrick Magee (r). 4.45 Clapperboard. Chris Kelly introduces the first of a new series of films to Peter Sellers. 5.15 White Light. Lively entertainment and discussion for teenagers.

Julie Goodyear is Bet (ITV, 7.30)

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News with Andrew Gardner and Rita Carter. 6.35 Crossroads. The kitchen staff of the motel hear the harsh edge of Meg's tongue. 7.00 Give us a Clue. Mike Aspel is in the chair as usual for this mime battle of the sexes with Una Stubbs leading the ladies and Lionel Blair the boys. 7.30 Coronation Street. More drama from back-to-back land. 8.00 Keep it in the Family. When his daughter Susan has a *little too much to drink, Dudley* begins to think she is on the road to alcoholic ruin.

8.30 Just Liz. Reg is still trying to keep Liz's virtue intact while *her finance is abroad.*

9.00 Film: California Split (1974) starring Elliot Gould and George Segal. They play two compulsive gamblers in an amusing film that does not over-glamorize the world of the casino.

10.00 News.

10.30 California Split continued.

11.30 ITV's 25th Anniversary. A gathering of stars at London's Grosvenor House celebrate the birthday of ITV. Guests of honour are Prince and Princess Michael of Kent. (See Personal Choice.)

12.15 am Close. Sandy Gall reads from the works of Scottish poets.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Week.
6.30 Today.
7.00, 8.00 News.
7.30, 8.30 Headlines.
8.35 The Week on 4.
8.45 The Wheels of Chance (cont).
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the Week.
10.00 News.
10.02 From Our Own Correspondent.
10.30 Daily Service.†
10.45 Gentleman and Ladies (6).
11.00 News.
11.05 A Song of Childhood.
11.50 Poetry Please!
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 It Makes Me Laugh.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.16 Play: The Idiot Lady, by Lope de Vega.
4.45 Story: Pearl, by Gregory Evans.
5.00 PM.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.30 Rampole.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.30 Science Now.
7.45 Play: The Shipbuilder, by Ken Mitchell.†
9.15 A Renaissance Education.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 The Burton Waverley (1).
11.00 Can You Forgive Her? (6).
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Music at Night.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.25 Weather.

VHF

10.05 am-10.30 Schools: Notice Board (1); Time to Move.
11.00-12.00 Schools: Singing Together; Springboard; Drama Workshop.
2.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Exploration Earth; Listening and Reading (1); Speak; Movement and Drama (2).
11.30-12.10 am Open University: Home Workers; Music—Orchestration.

Radio 3

6.55 am (one only) Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Corelli, Chopin, Fauré, Franck.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Beethoven, Liszt, Glazunov, Ravel.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Debussy.†
10.00 Scottish Chamber Orch: Brydon, pt 1: Haydn (Sym 104), McCabe.†
10.50 Interval reading.
11.00 SCO, pt 2: Mozart, Dvorak.†
11.45 Chamber music: Franz Schmidt (Quintet).†
1.00 pm News.
1.05 Songs: Dowland, R. Jones, Tate.†
1.45 Matinee Musicale.†
2.45 Northern Sinfonia Orch Del Mar: Fricker.†
3.30 New Records: Verdi (incl Rigoletto, Act II—Giulini).†
4.55 News.
5.00 (mw and mono only) from 6.20: Music for early evening.†
7.00 Record: Bach.†
7.15 LPO/Weller, pt 1: Brahms (incl Vln Conc—Kremer).†
8.10 Interval reading.
8.20 LPO, pt 2: Brahms (Sym 1).†
9.15 Liberated Theatre: Czechoslovakia in the Thirties.
10.05 London Sinfonietta Atherton: Webern (incl Sym).†
10.20 Round Tower Tales, by Colin McLaren (1).
10.30 Marc Roach Quartet.†
11.00 News.
11.05-11.15 Record: Marcello.†

VHF

6.00 am-7.00 Open University: Europe—Conflict and Stability 1929-1979: ICA Independent Group; Music and Society Today.
6.20 pm-7.00 Open University: Man's Religious Quest; Folk Song and the Collectors.

Radio 2

5.00 am News. Weather. 5.03 Steve Jones.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.† 12.30 pm David Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.03 Much More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn.† 8.02 Folk on 2.† 9.02 Humphrey Lyttelton.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Free Spin. 10.30 Star Sound. 11.02 Brian Matthew. 2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 Dave Lee Travis. 9.32 Simon Bates. 10.32 Andy Peebles. 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 12.45 Paul Burnett. 2.32 Simon Bates. 3.32 Peter Powell. 6.31 Stayin' Alive. 7.31 Mike Read. 10.02 John Peel.† 12.00 Close.

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Southern

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Independent. 2.25 Film: Perry Mason: The Heckler. 3.45-4.15 Kick Start. 5.15-5.45 Day by Day. 12.15 am Weather followed by Closedown.

Channel

As Thames except: 12.00-12.30 pm Gourmet Night. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 About Britain. 2.30-4.15 Film: 3.10 To Yuma (Glenn Ford, Van Heflin). 5.15-5.45 Brady Bunch. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Survival. 12.15 am Reflection.

Anglia

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 About Britain. 2.30-4.15 Film: 3.10 To Yuma (Glenn Ford, Van Heflin). 5.15-5.45 Brady Bunch. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Survival. 12.15 am Reflection.

Yorkshire

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 About Britain. 2.30-4.15 Film: Matter of a Seduction. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35-7.00 Happy Days. 12.15 am Jazz.

Granada

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 About Britain. 2.30-4.15 Film: Satan Met a Lady (Warren Beatty, Fay Dunaway). 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-7.00 Granada Reports.

Westward

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BOOKER.—On 19th September in Clapham to Julia (née Sheldon) wife of Roger—twin sons.

EASTON.—On September 15th at Plymouth to Jo (née Bosley) and Rob—a son (James Alexander Christian).

ECCLESHALL.—On September 20 at Queen Charlotte's to Antonia (née Del Mar) and Christopher—a son (Michael John).

HILL.—On September 19th at St Thomas's to Susan (née Midgley) and Richard—a daughter, half-sister for Georgina and James.

BIRTHS

KARP.—On September 19th, to Carole and Benjamin—a son, Gregory, brother for Charlotte.

McKEAN.—On September 18th at Guy's Hospital, to Elizabeth and John—a daughter (Helen).

MANN.—On 19th September, at Hereford County Hospital, to Jennifer (née Barnes) and Simon a son, Peter George.

ORAGE.—On September 19th in the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead to Maggie (née Margaret Webber) and David Orage—a son (Jason Richard), a great grandson for Jessie).

PICTON.—On June 26th at Pembury Hospital, to Bobbie (née Yarborough-Parker) and Clive—a son (James Holden), half brother to Nicolette and Thomas. Grateful thanks to Special Care Baby Unit.

SPARG.—On September 19th, 1980 at the Welbeck Clinic, to Simon and Diane (née O'Neil)—son (Christopher Simon James).

WINDHAM.—On September 18th at Yeovil Hospital to Dido (née Galbraith) and Andrew — a daughter, Ruth Emily (a sister for Rory).

BIRTHDAYS

CALROW, DINA (D.D.). Congrats. on your 21st. Much love Dad.

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DEATHS

BALL.—On September 19th, 1980, peacefully, in Eastbourne, Eva, widow of Tommy and loving mother of Mary, Diddy, Peter and Michael. Eucharist at St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne, on Thursday, September 25, at 10.30 a.m. No flowers, please, but gifts to Save the Children Fund marked "For Karamoja" please pray for her.

BARKES.—On 20th September, suddenly at home, John Digby Hyde Barkes aged 75 years, dearly loved husband of Nelly, devoted father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Thomas's Church, Sevenoaks, on Friday, 26th September, at 2.30 p.m. followed by interment at Otford Churchyard. Family flowers only but donations if desired may be sent to Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain, 35 Macaulay Road, London SW4 0QP. Enquiries to W. Hodge and Co. Telephone Sevenoaks 54457.

BAXENDALE.—On September 20th, peacefully at home, Enid Blanche, widow of Guy Baxendale, of Framfield. Funeral private, Thursday, 25th September, 2.30 pm, at St. Thomas a Becket, Framfield. Family flowers only.

BLAIR.—On September 17th, 1980, suddenly at her home in Manor Way, Beckenham, Kent, in her 77th year, Edith Barbara, formerly of Edinburgh. Requiem Mass at St. George's Church, Beckenham, on Tuesday, September 23rd at 10 a.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, please.

CROFT, MURRAY EDWARD.—On September the 13th, suddenly on his way to the British Museum. Funeral at St. Peter's Church, Petersham, Surrey, at 11.30 on Friday, 26th September. Flowers to T. H. Sanders, Kew Rd., Richmond. No wreaths please.

DOUBLEDAY.—On September 18th, Richard Edward, of Beckenham, Kent, aged 84 years, a much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at St Pauls Church, Beckenham, on Friday, 26th September, at 2.15 p.m. followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The Chest and Heart Foundation or The Diabetic Society.

FIELD.—See Wuertz-Field.

GLOVER, TREVOR JAMES, FRGS, peacefully at home on Friday, 19th September, darling husband of Dorothy, beloved father of Jamie, Davied and Gavin and brother of Robin and Margot. Will be sadly missed by his many friends and colleagues in BOAC and BA. Family service only, date of Memorial Service to be announced later. Flowers to Cranleigh Funerals or if preferred, donation to Cancer Research.

HERMON.—On September 18th, Vanessa (Lily) whilst on holiday in Corfu, widow of Colonel R. A. Hermon, D.S.O., O.B.E. and much loved sister of Diddy and Babs. Funeral arrangements later.

HOLLIFIELD.—On 19th September, Dennis John of D. H. Holoms, Princes Gate and St. James, suddenly at home in Wembley. Much loved father of Hazel. Funeral service Tuesday, 23rd September, at 10.30 a.m. at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Middlesex. Flowers by 9.30 am and enquiries to G. Saville & Son Ltd., 309 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex.

JAMJOOM, BOBBY.—On 18th September, 1980, in hospital in Riyadh, an exceptional wife to Osman and mother to Salim, Kamaal and Soreyah. Much loved by all who knew her. Enquiries 01-235 3770.

KER-LINDSAY.—On 18th September 1980, Ronald, suddenly at home, dearly beloved husband of Linda (Bobby), father of Alastair, grandfather of James, Mark, John and Adam.

KITCAT.—Suddenly on September 18th aged 76 years, Cdr. Charles Arthur DeWinton Kitcat, M.B.E., D.L., R.N. retired of 21 Beverley Gardens, Cullercoats, Northumberland. Beloved husband of Joan.

LILLYMAN.—On September 19th, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, after a 3 year fight against illness, John Brian, beloved husband of Judy Lillyman and beloved son of Molly and Harry Lillyman and much loved father of Simon and Sara. Funeral arrangements will be announced. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to Cancer Research.

NORRIS, REX A.—Indian Olympic hockey gold medallist, hockey trainer, Holland 1936, Italy 1960, Mexico 1968, suddenly on 17th September. Dearly beloved husband of Maisie, much loved and admired father of Havelock, Douglas, Ron, Philomena, Wendy and Jennifer, sadly missed grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at St. Anselms R.C. Church, Southall, Middx., on Friday 26 September at 11 a.m.

PERRY.—On 18th September, 1980, of Greenfort, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal, Lionel Geoffrey. Funeral service at St. Columcilles Church, Milford, on Wednesday, 24th September, at 2.45 p.m. Burial immediately afterwards in adjoining burial grounds. House private.

PETERS, HENRIE.—On September the 20th, of The Paragon, Blackheath. Requiem mass at St Paul's, Deptford, Wednesday, September the 24th at 7.30 p.m. Flowers to Chappell's, Belmont Hill, Lewisham. Committal of Ashes, St Paul's, Deptford, Sunday, September 28th, at 10 a.m.

DEATHS

ROBERTSON.—On September 20th, at St Raphael's Nursing Home, Edinburgh, John B. Robertson, beloved husband of Ann, of Dalchonzie House, Comrie, Perthshire. Requiem St Fillan's Catholic Church, Crieff, 10.15 am, Wednesday, 24th September, 1980. Family flowers only.

SHOWERING.—On September 20th, Ralph Vivian, peacefully at his home, The Old Rectory, Beckington, Bath. Funeral service at Beaulieu Abbey Church, on Wednesday, September 24th, at 2 p.m. No flowers by request, donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation may be sent to W. Adlam & Son, 70 Locks Hill, Frome, Somerset.

SISMEY.—On September 20th, peacefully at home after a long illness very courageously borne Pauline Vincent Sismey, dearly beloved wife of Lt.-Col. O. N. D. Sismey, D.L. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Offord Cluny at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, 25th September. Flowers may be sent to William Peacock & Sons, Orchard Lane, Huntingdon, Cambs.

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TROTMAN.—On September 20th, 1980, in hospital, Ken, of No. 9 Concra Park, Woburn Sands, aged 56 years. Funeral service at St. Botolphs Church, Aspley Guise on Wednesday, September 24th, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only please.

WUERTZ-FIELD. — On September 18th, 1980, suddenly, Elizabeth Grace, of 21 Curzon Place, Eastcote, Pinner, widow of the late Albert James Wuertz-Field, and mother of Antony. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Thursday, September 25th, at 2.30 p.m. (East Chapel). Flowers may be sent to J. A. Massey & Sons, 16-18 Lowlands Road, Harrow, by 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 25th September.

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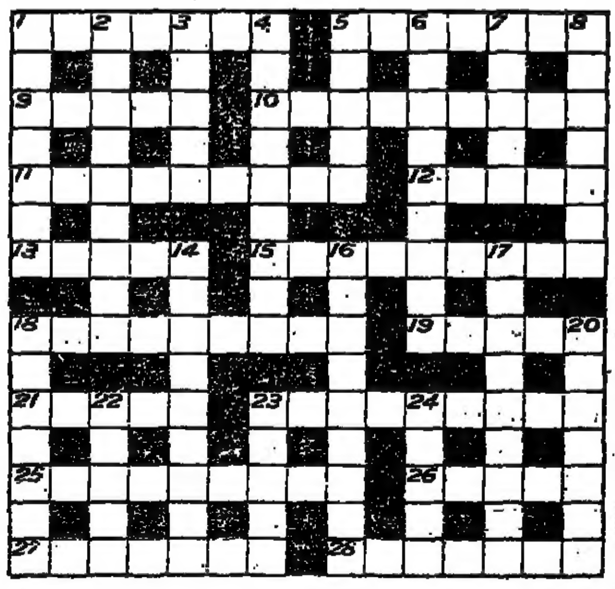


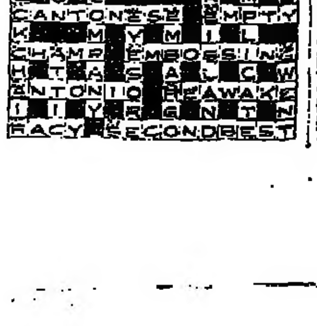
ACROSS

1 Country material (7).
5 Best means of securing the crest (7).
9 Hairdresser appears to vacillate (5).
10 Reckless person set Russian leader against his European neighbour (9).
11 Dancer of note to go abroad in mid-May (9).
12 Poet shows the work 'e returned (5).
13 They were assumed by Romans to talk a lot (5).
15 Cricketer to record a piece of music (5, 4).
18 Accountant thanks man holding palmer of boat (9).
19 Appears to understand the writer's work (5).
21 Mature writer from the island state ? (5).
23 Crew takes part in dance (9).
25 Cheeky redhead in this is ill-advised (9).
26 "The very —— of a modern Major-General" (Gilbert) (5).
27 Where pictures are seen of the gods? (7).
28 Butt for some of the proudest royalists? (7).

DOWN

1 Carry round for sale part of plant (7).
2 Nothing to settle. In Romeo's eyes? (1-5).
3 Concur concerning filling in time (5).
4 Erred badly about call for weapon (9).
5 Indian transport in South Pacific (5).
6 Such treasures going free? Most amusing (9).
7 Girl causes no end of a minor disturbance (5).
8 Where we see 11 out of 27 (7).
14 Alias Peter Simple? The real thing (5, 4).
16 Denied by Jack—aged ten, roughly (9).
17 Form of drill received from dentist? (4, 5).
18 Dog-fish seen on ice (7).
20 Conchy poet? (7).
22 A seer in some form (5).
23 Time we should attack? (5).
24 Paper, set up half their leader (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 15,327



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